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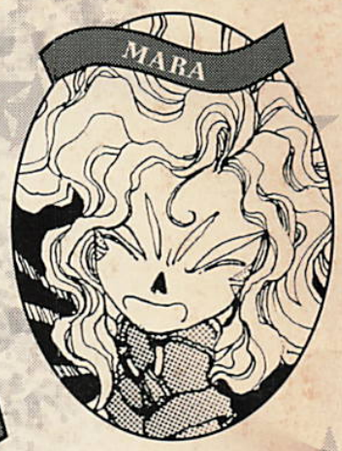
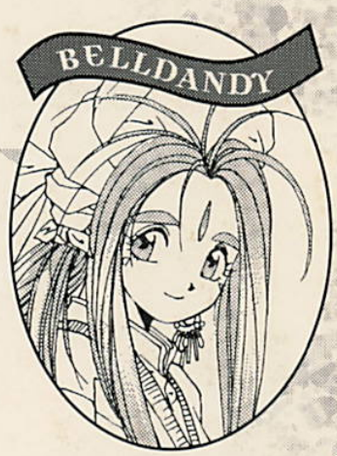
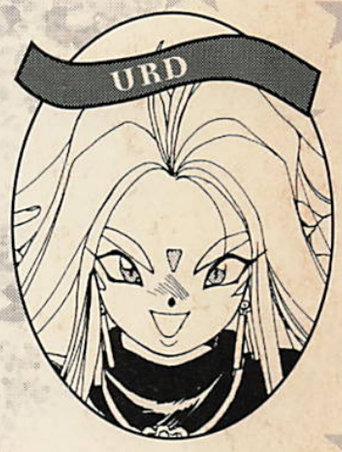
Nekomi Tech student who dialed a wrong number and unwittingly summoned the goddess Belldandy.



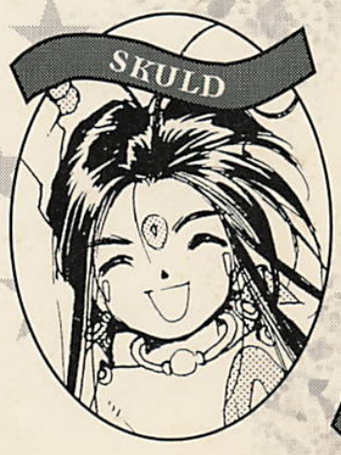
Demon First Class. Wicked and vengeful. Out to get Belldandy.



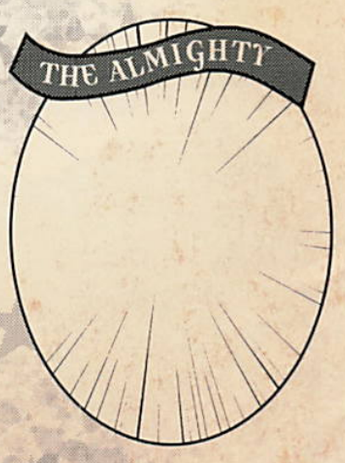
Goddess First Class (Unlimited). Very loving, very kind.



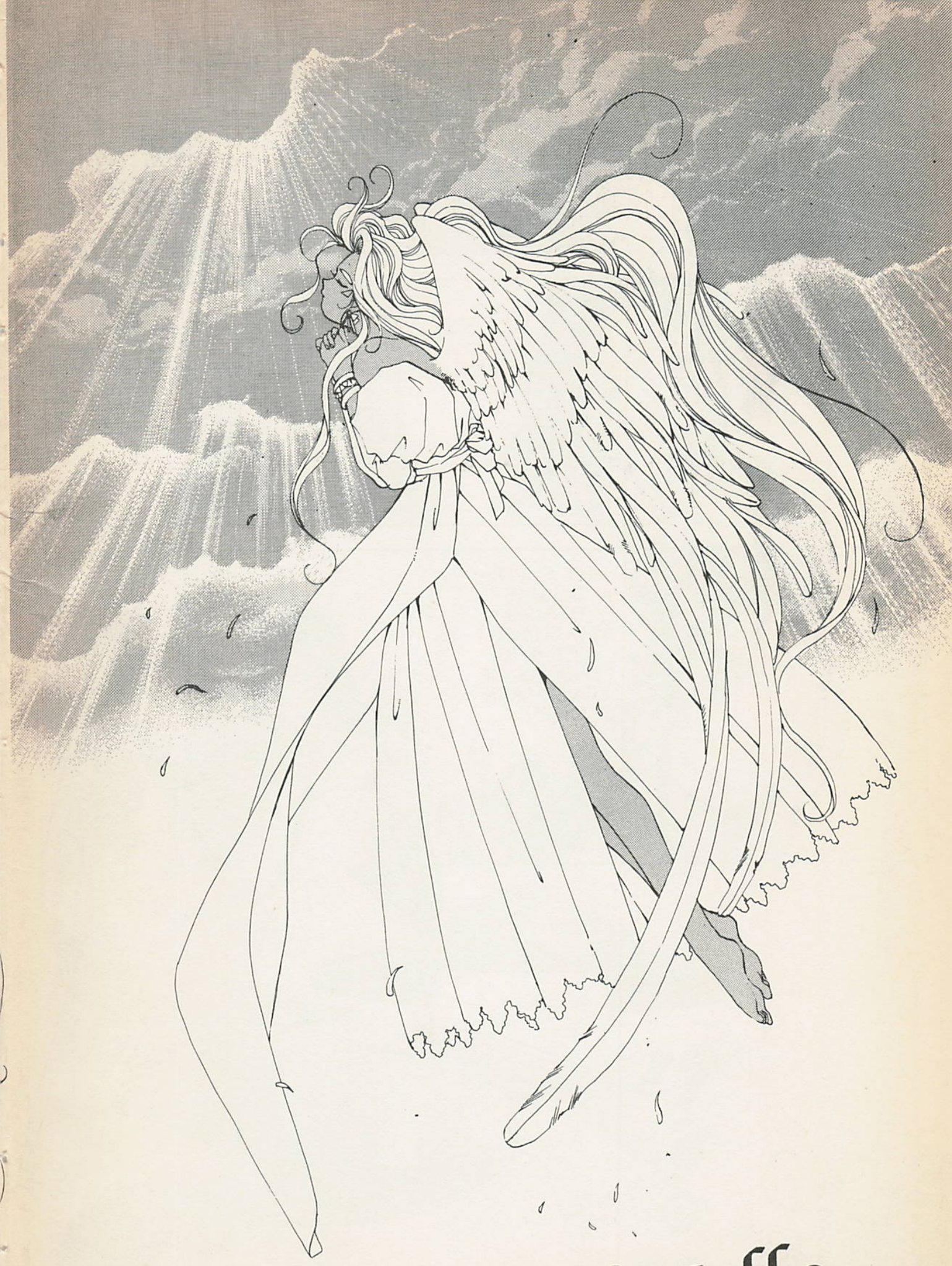
Goddess Second Class (Limited). Belldandy's big sister. Very sexy, very naughty.



Goddess Second Class (Limited). Belldandy's little sister. Very smart, slightly bratty.



Almighty.



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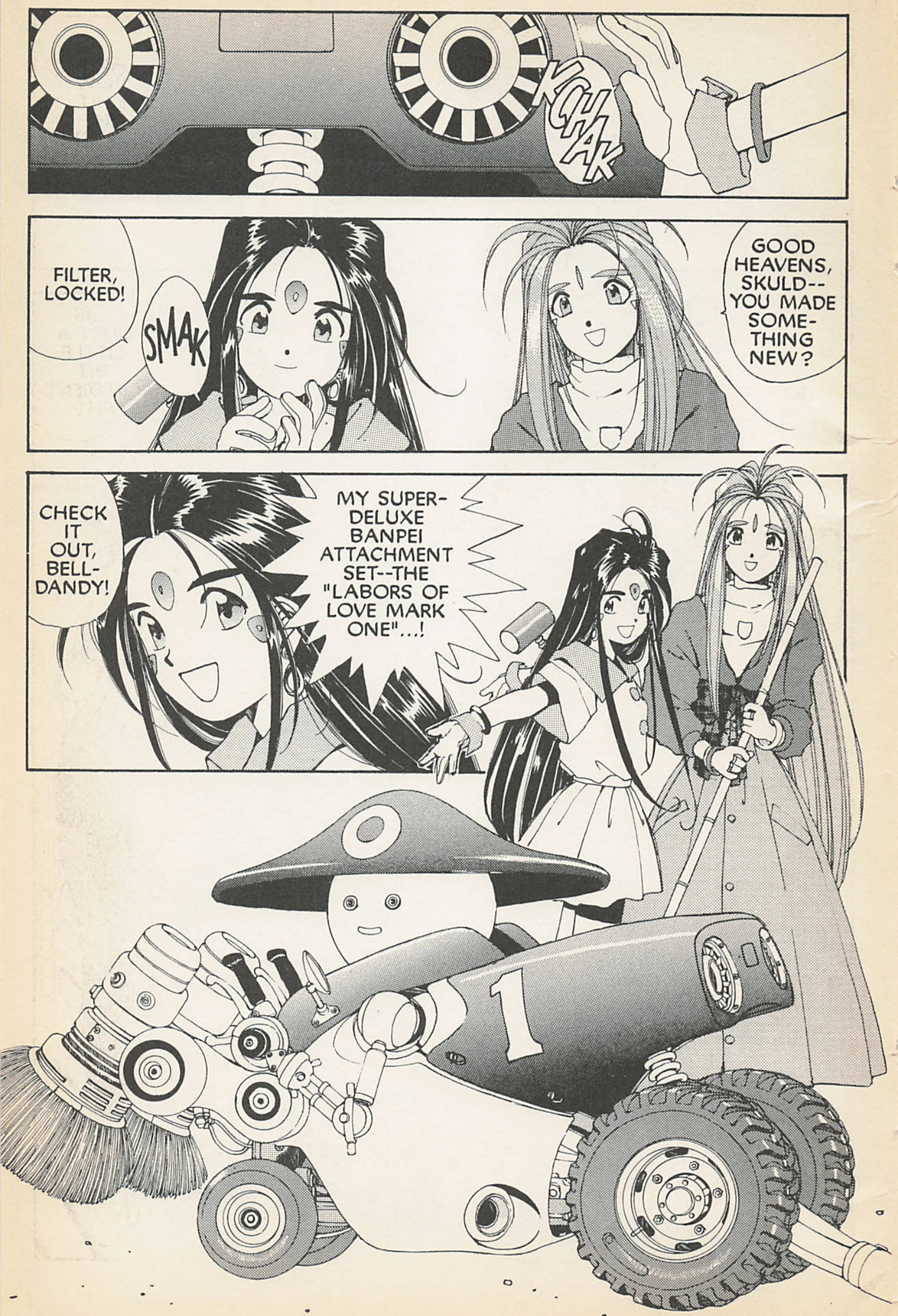
KCHAK
FILTER, LOCKED!
SMAK
GOOD HEAVENS, SKULD--YOU MADE SOME-THING NEW?
CHECK IT OUT, BELL-DANDY!
MY SUPER-DELUXE BANPEI ATTACHMENT SET--THE "LABORS OF LOVE MARK ONE"...!
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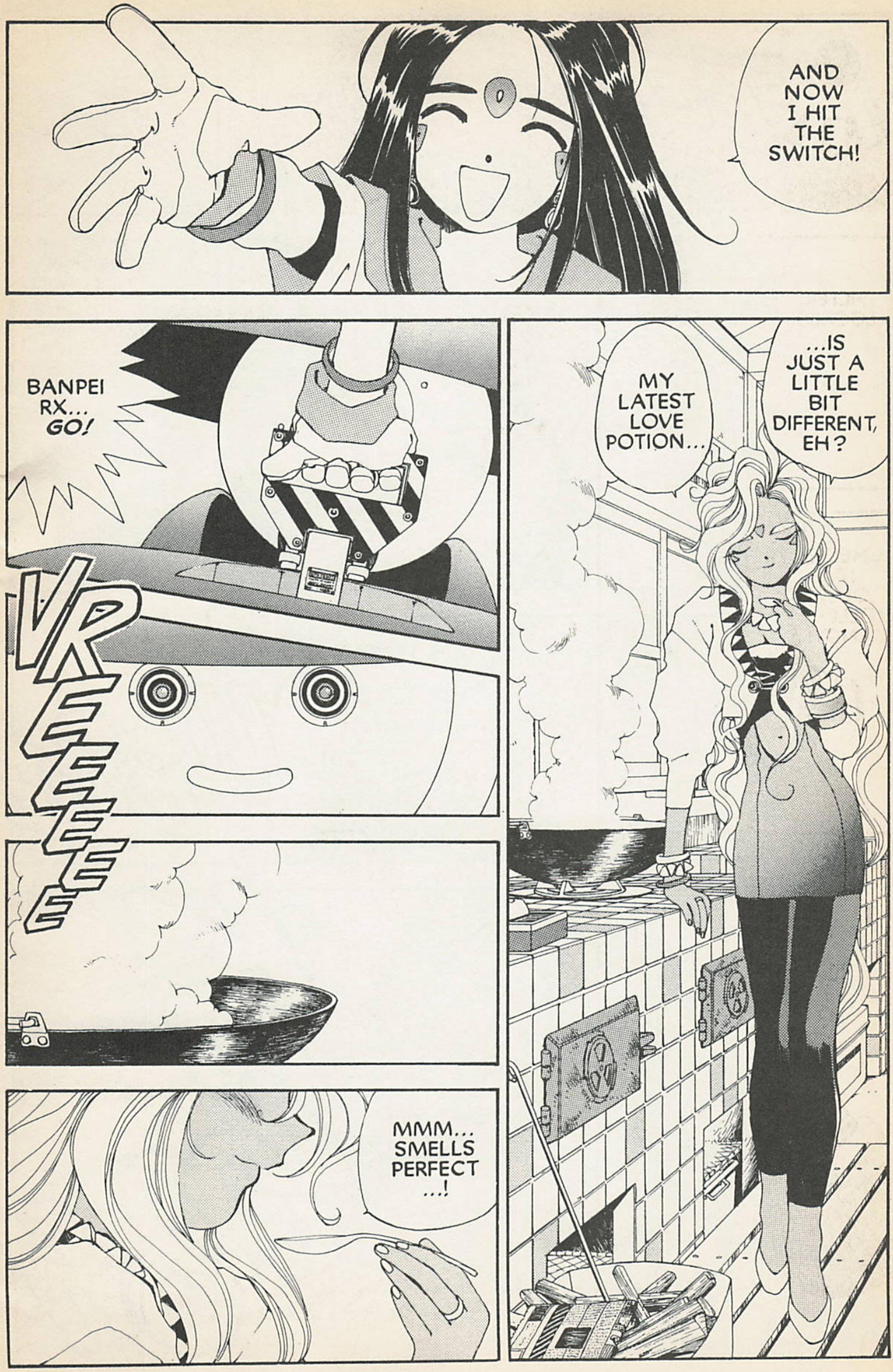
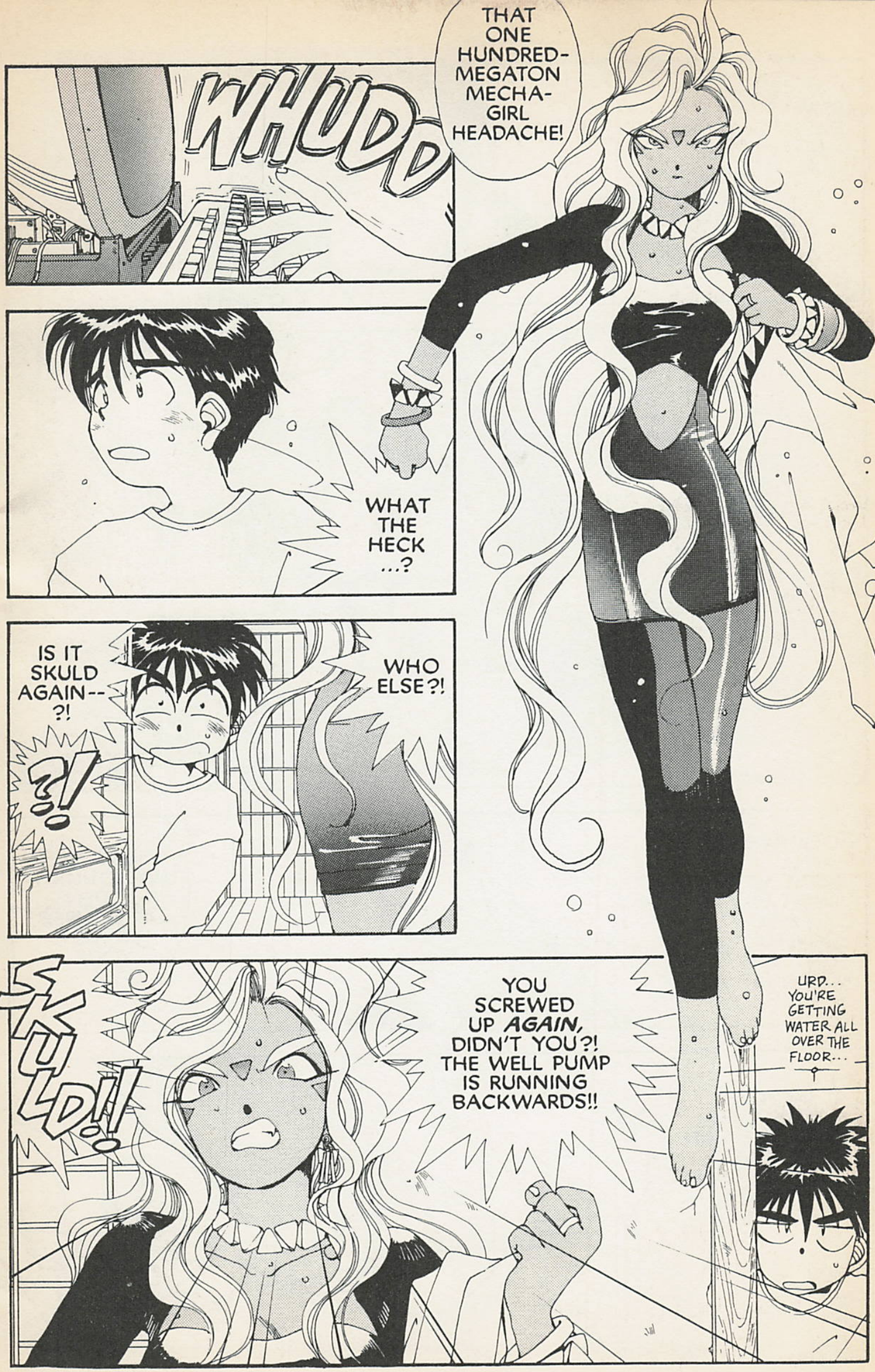
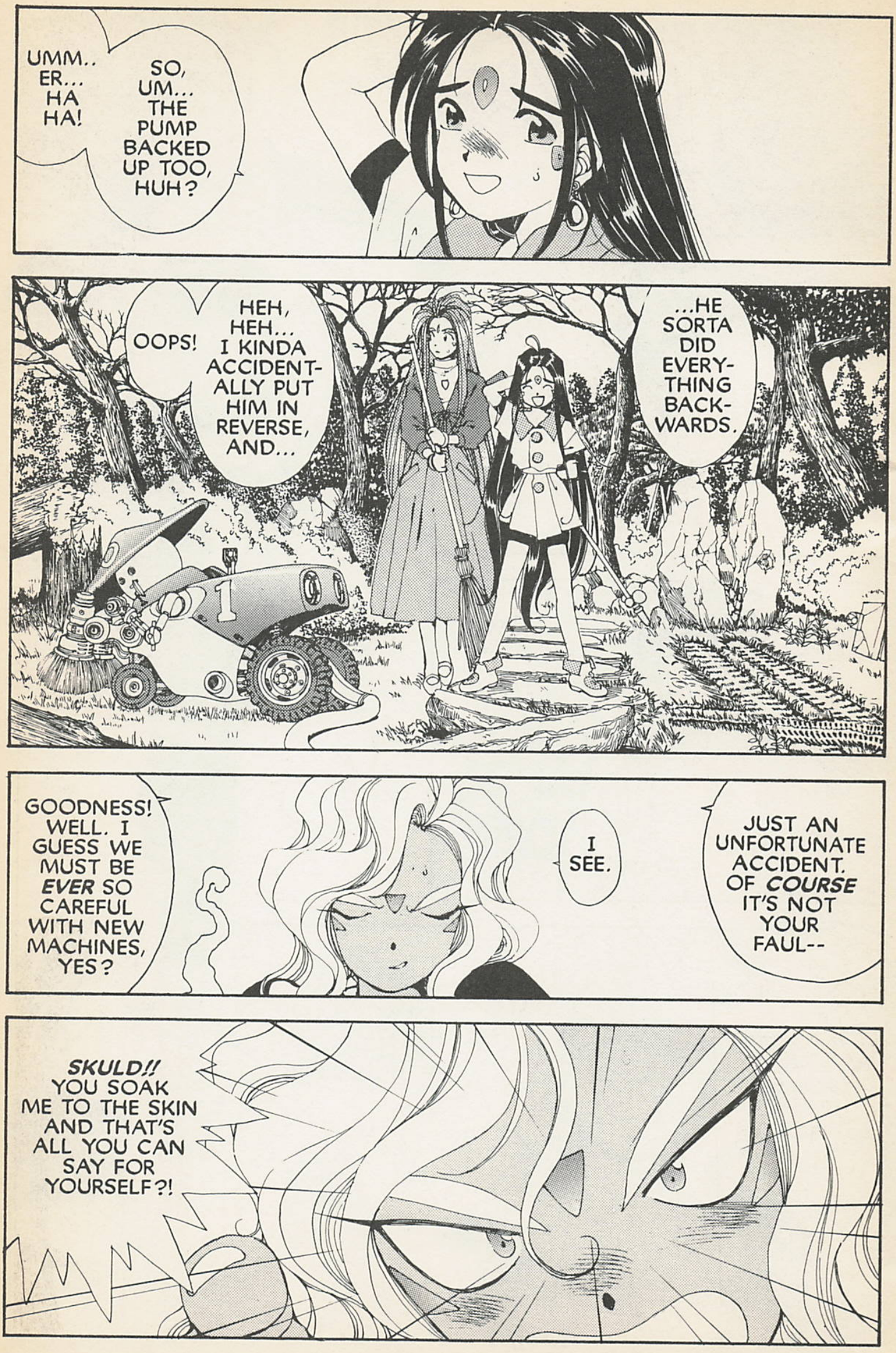
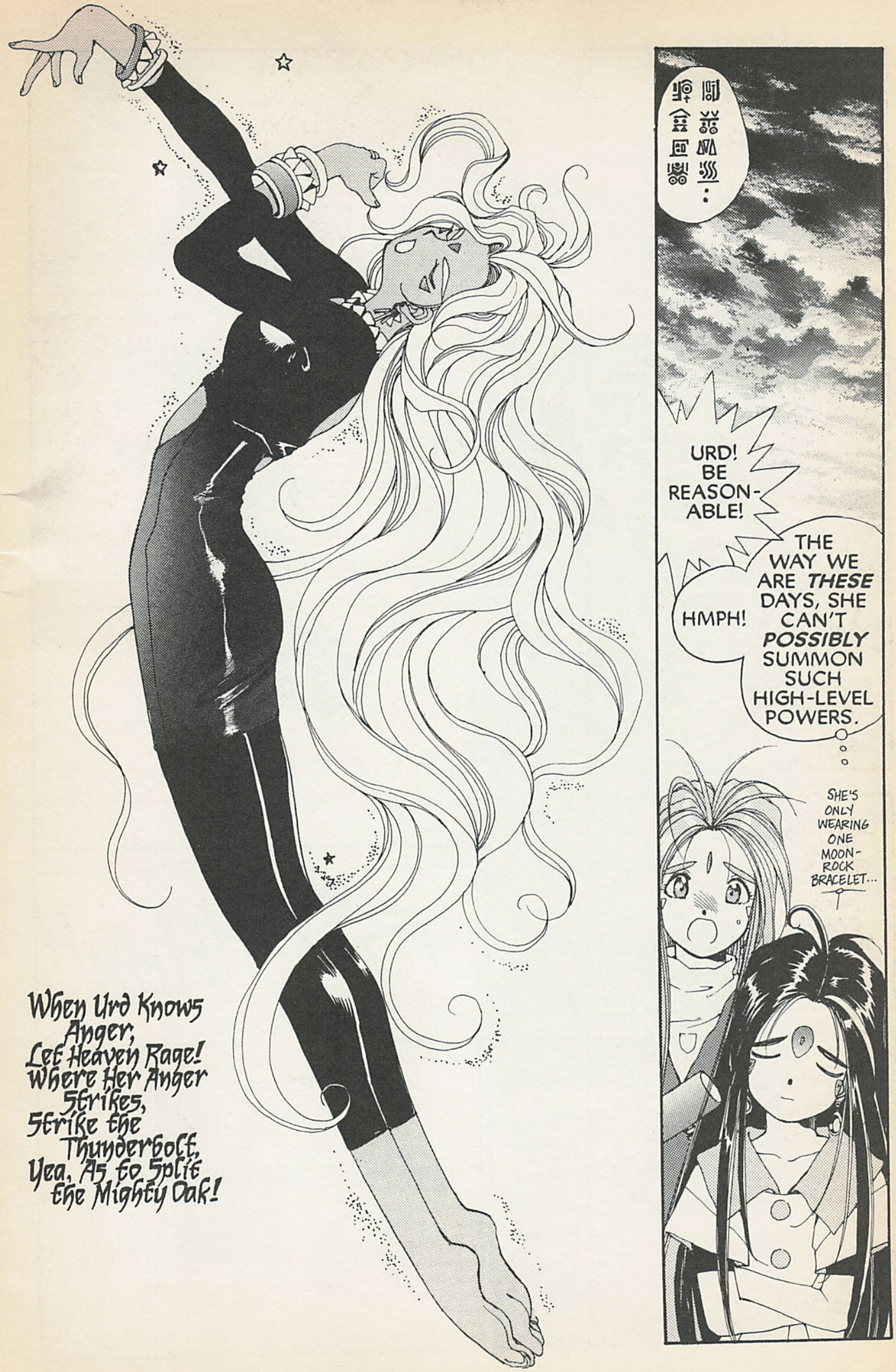
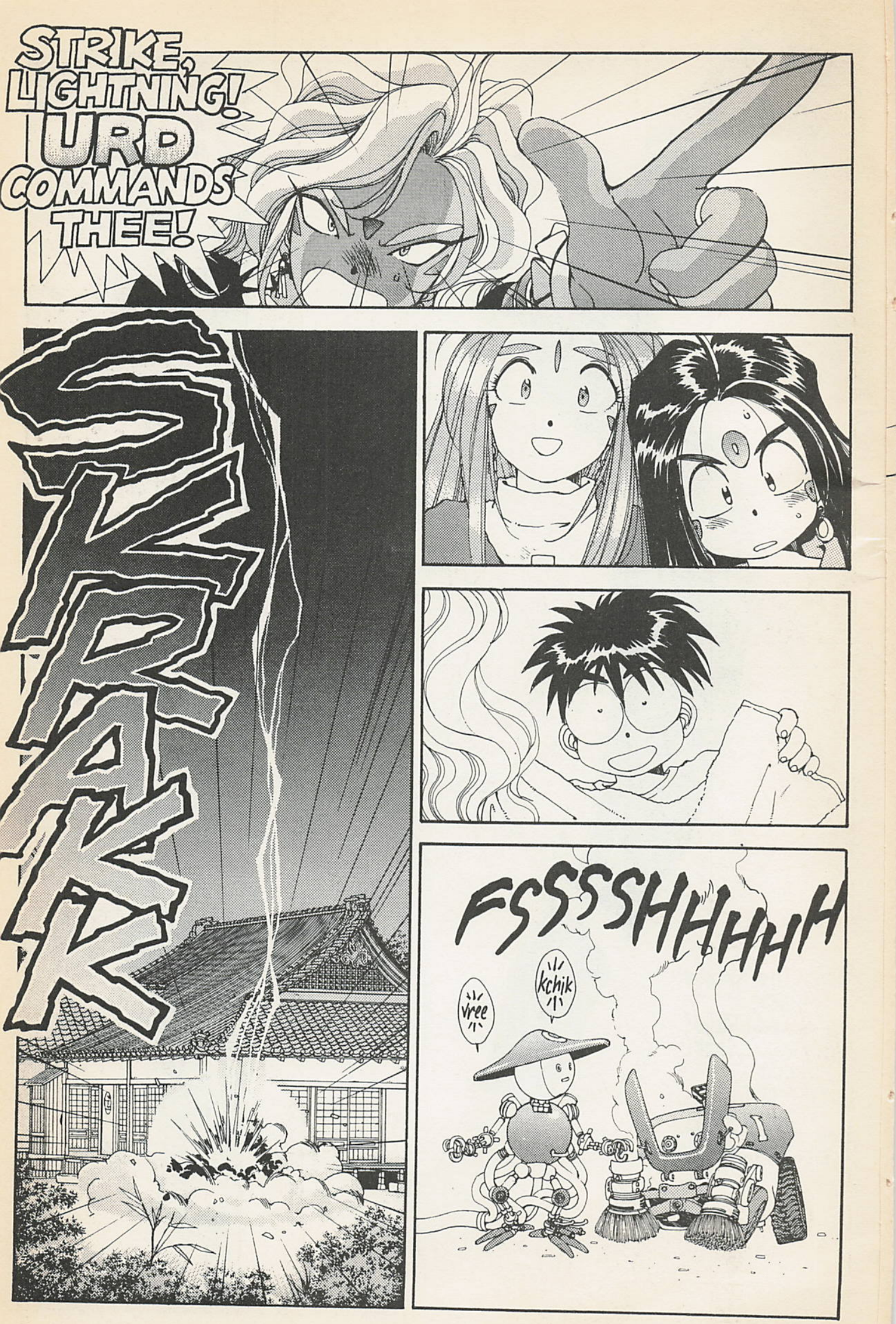

AND NOW I HIT THE SWITCH!
BANPEI RX... GO!
VRRRRRR
MY LATEST LOVE POTION...
...IS JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT, EH?
MMM... SMELLS PERFECT ...!

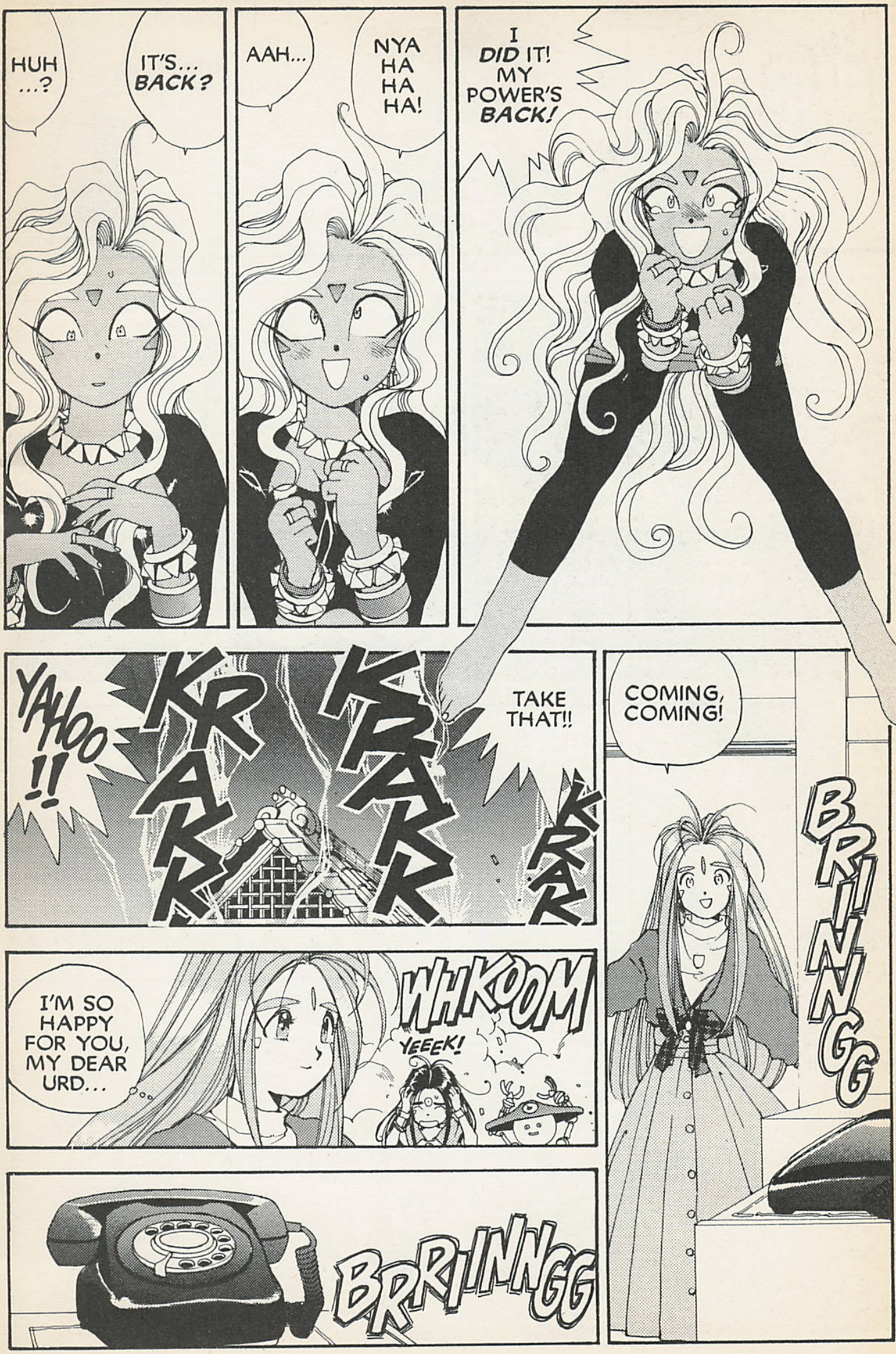
VREEEEEE
SOUNDS LIKE SKULD IS MAKING SOME CRAZY CONTRAP-TION AGAIN.
OH, WELL... AT LEAST THIS TIME MY FAVORITE PROGRAM ISN'T ON...
BLURB
?
WH-WHAT THE HELL?!
BLUBBLE
!!
EEK!
KROOSH

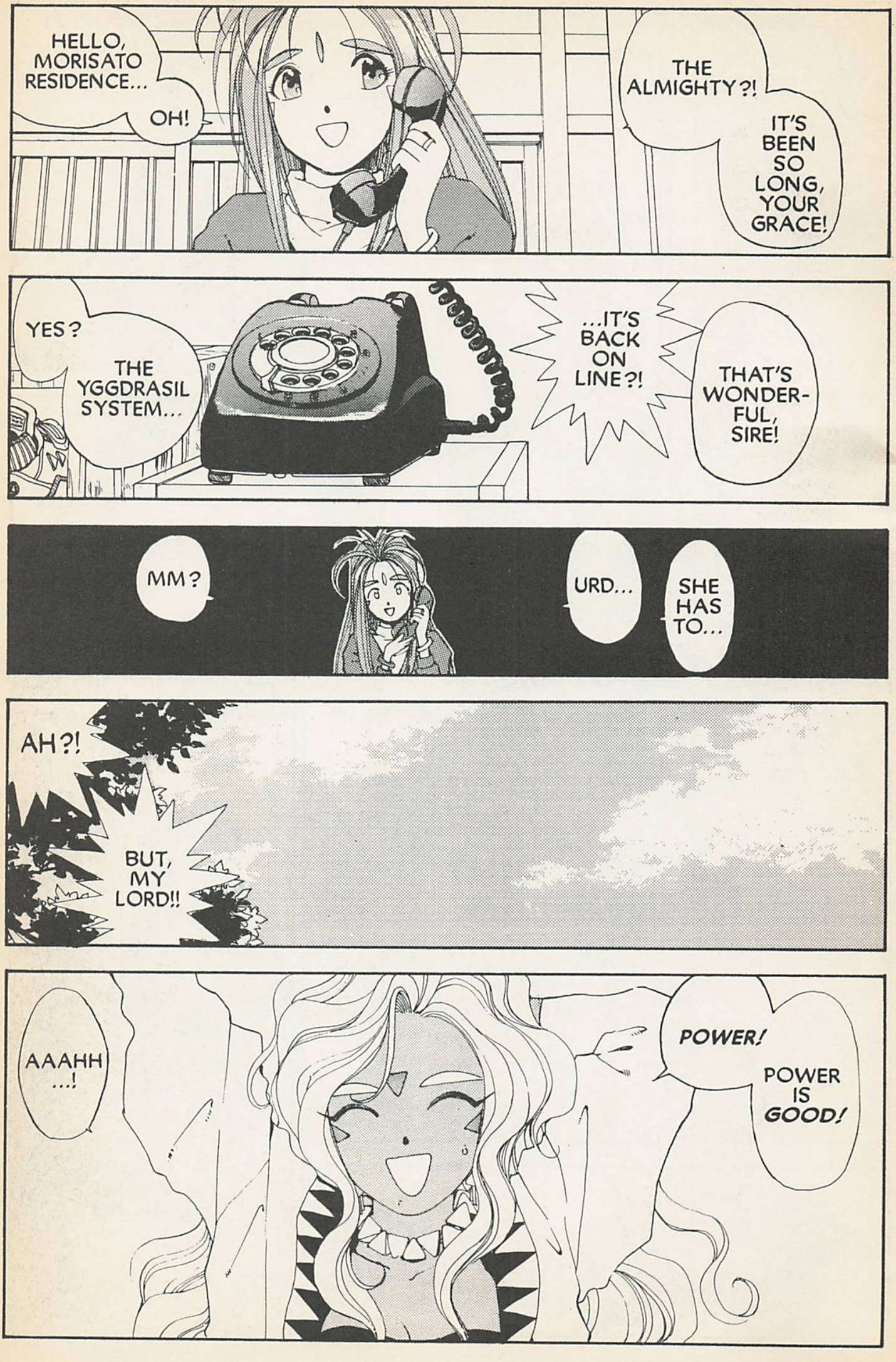

WHUDD
THAT ONE HUNDRED-MEGATON MECHA-GIRL HEADACHE!
WHAT THE HECK ...?
IS IT SKULD AGAIN--?!
?!
WHO ELSE?!
SKULD!!
YOU SCREWED UP AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?! THE WELL PUMP IS RUNNING BACKWARDS!!
URD... YOU'RE GETTING WATER ALL OVER THE FLOOR...

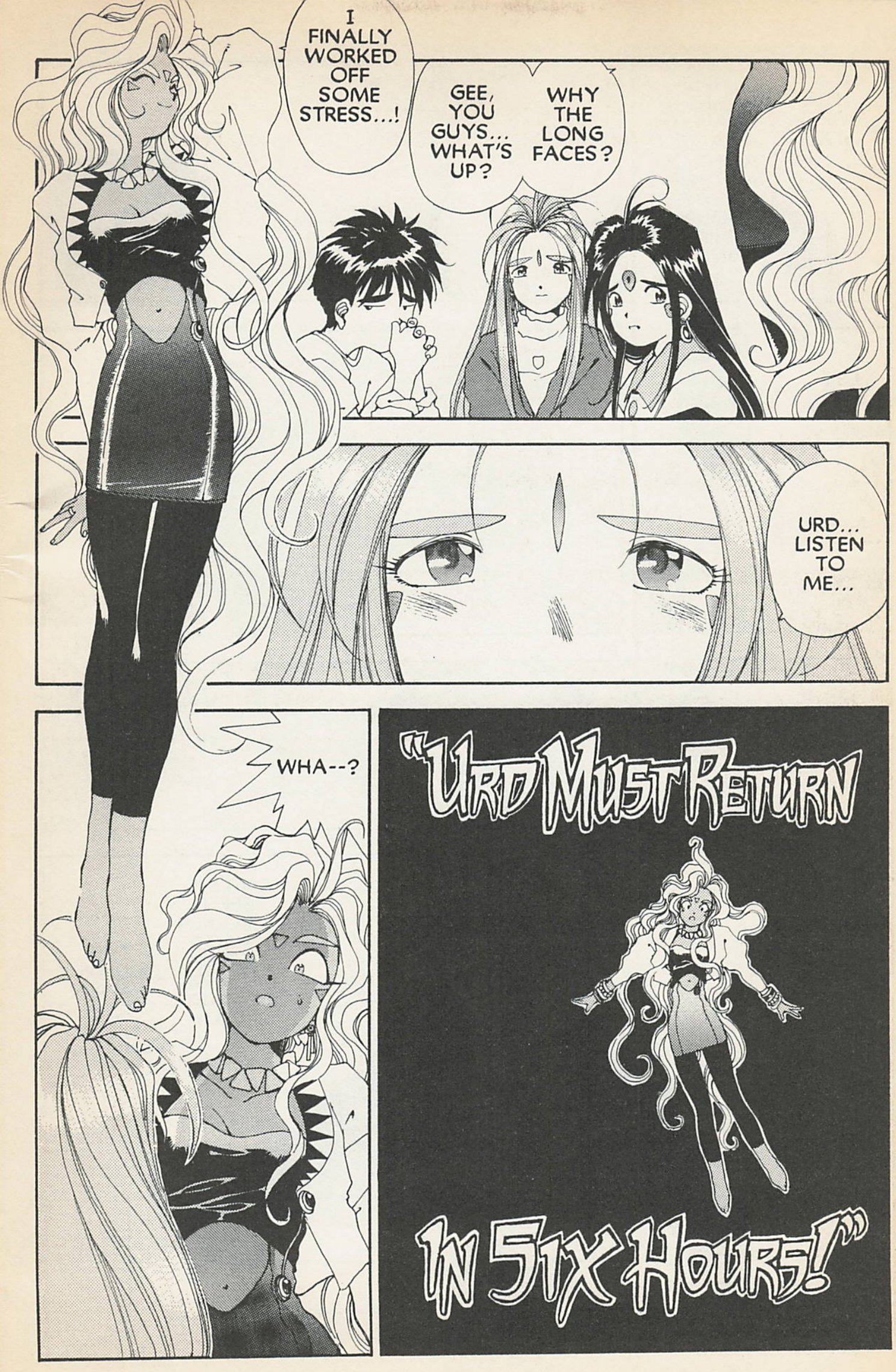

UMM.. ER... HA HA!
SO, UM... THE PUMP BACKED UP TOO, HUH?
OOPS!
HEH, HEH... I KINDA ACCIDENT-ALLY PUT HIM IN REVERSE, AND...
...HE SORTA DID EVERY-THING BACK-WARDS.
GOODNESS! WELL. I GUESS WE MUST BE *EVER* SO CAREFUL WITH NEW MACHINES, YES?
I SEE.
JUST AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT. OF *COURSE* IT'S NOT YOUR FAUL--
SKULD!! YOU SOAK ME TO THE SKIN AND THAT'S ALL YOU CAN SAY FOR YOURSELF?!

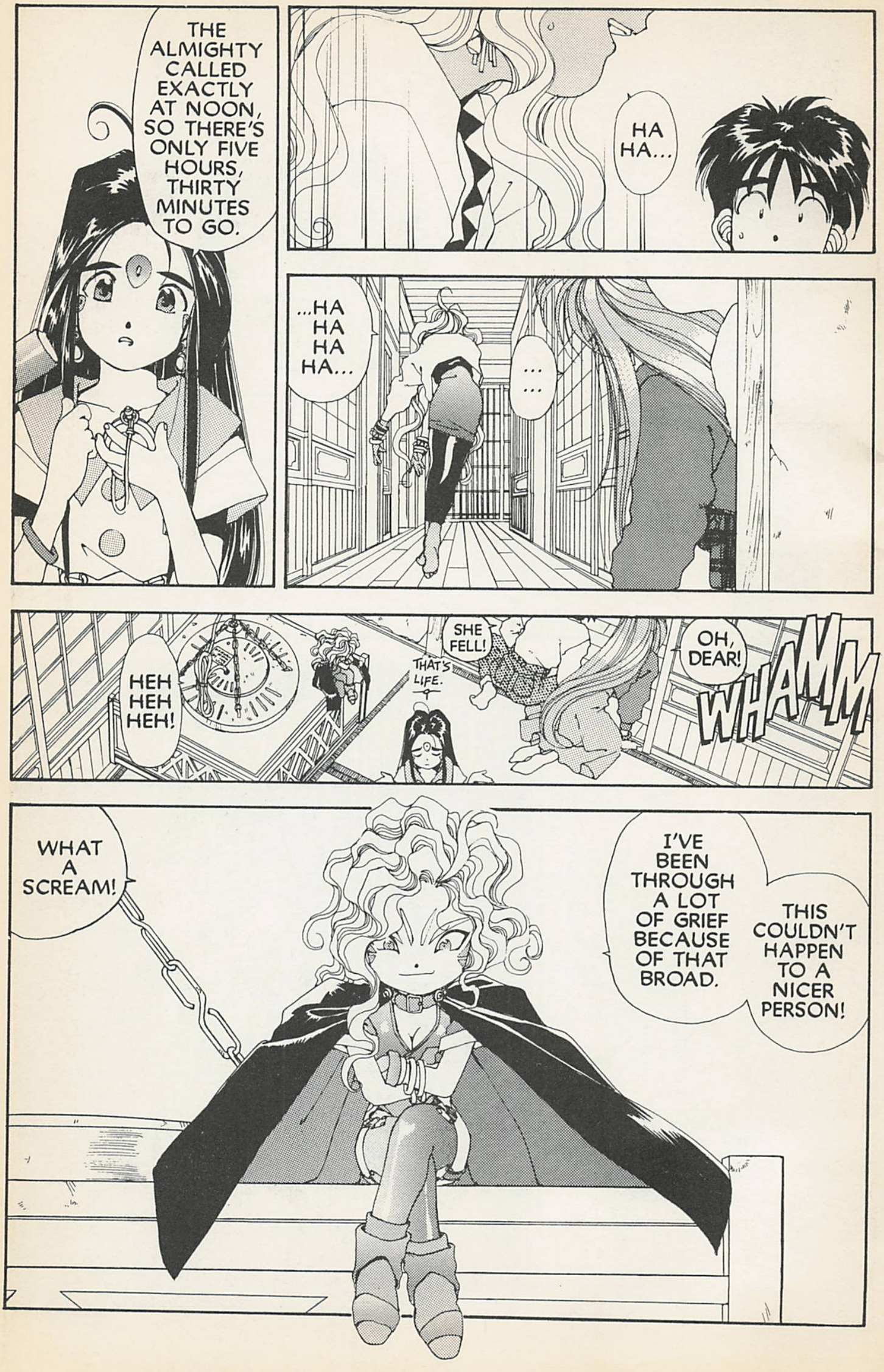

When Urd Knows Anger,
Let Heaven Rage!
Where Her Anger Strikes,
Strike the Thunderbolt,
Yea, As to Split the Mighty Oak!
URD! BE REASON-ABLE!
HMPH!
THE WAY WE ARE *THESE* DAYS, SHE CAN'T *POSSIBLY* SUMMON SUCH HIGH-LEVEL POWERS.
SHE'S ONLY WEARING ONE MOON-ROCK BRACELET...

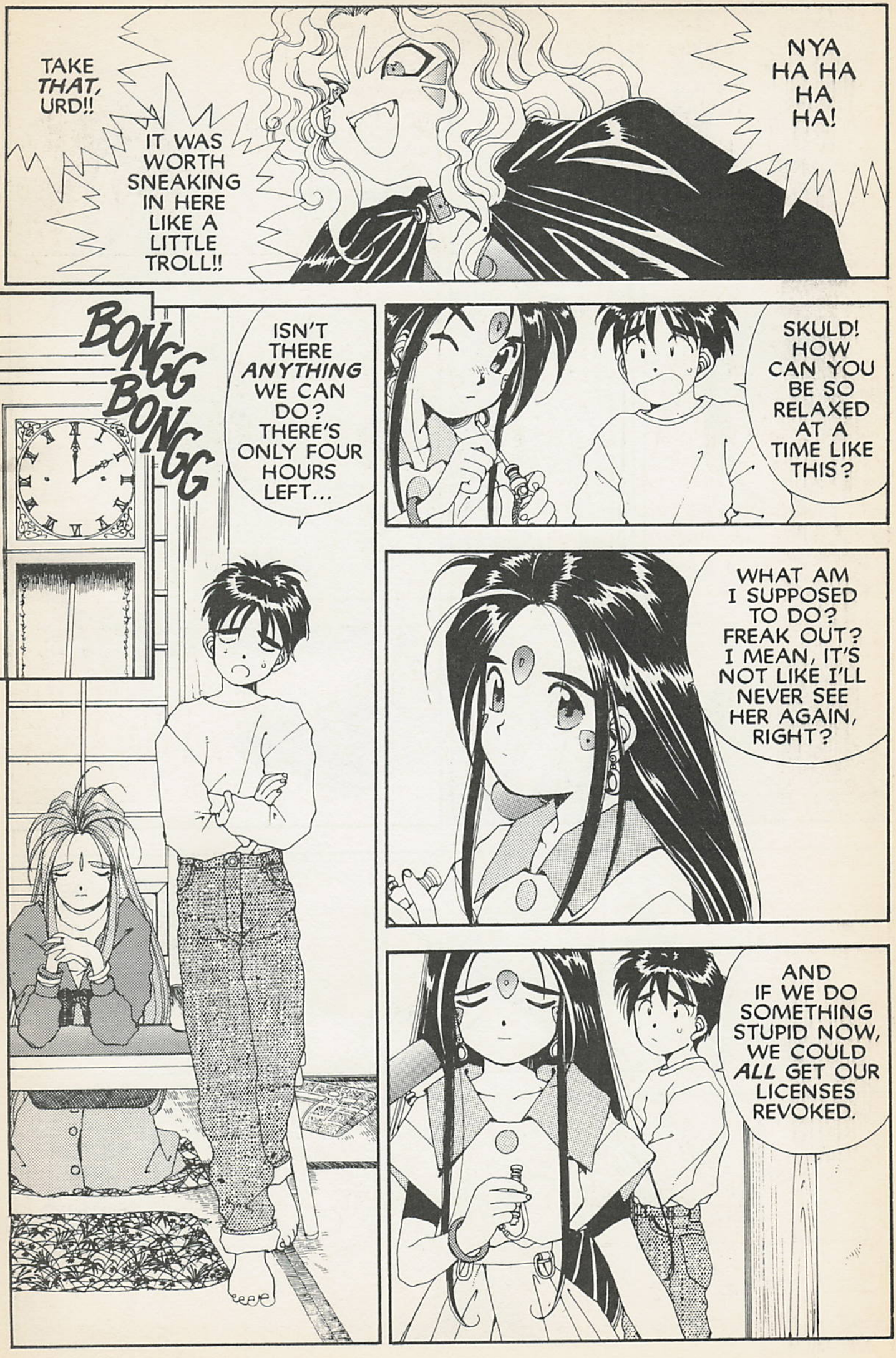

STRIKE, LIGHTNING! URD COMMANDS THEE!
KRAKK!
FSSSSHHHHH
kchik
vree

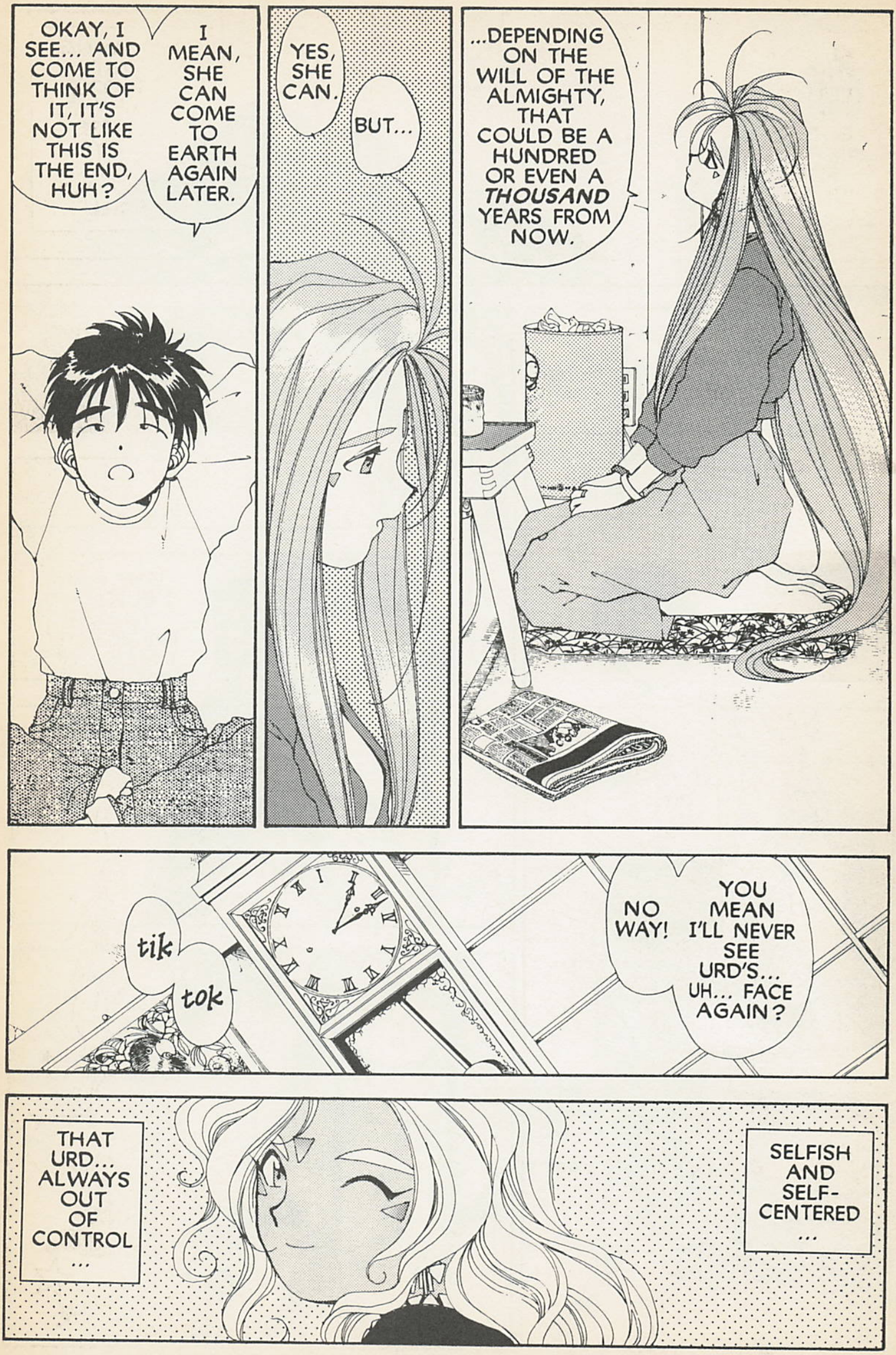

HUH ...?
IT'S... BACK?
AAH...
NYA HA HA HA!
I DID IT! MY POWER'S BACK!
YAHOO!!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
TAKE THAT!!
COMING, COMING!
BRINNGG
I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU, MY DEAR URD...
WHKOOM
YEEEK!
BRRINNGG


HELLO, MORISATO RESIDENCE...
OH!
THE ALMIGHTY?!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, YOUR GRACE!
YES?
THE YGGDRASIL SYSTEM...
...IT'S BACK ON LINE?!
THAT'S WONDER-FUL, SIRE!
MM?
URD...
SHE HAS TO...
AH?!
BUT, MY LORD!!
AAAHH ...!
POWER!
POWER IS GOOD!


I FINALLY WORKED OFF SOME STRESS...!
GEE, YOU GUYS... WHAT'S UP?
WHY THE LONG FACES?
URD... LISTEN TO ME...
WHA--?
"URD MUST RETURN
IN SIX HOURS!"


THE ALMIGHTY CALLED EXACTLY AT NOON, SO THERE'S ONLY FIVE HOURS, THIRTY MINUTES TO GO.
HA HA...
...HA HA HA HA...
...
...
HEH HEH HEH!
SHE FELL!
THAT'S LIFE.
OH, DEAR!
WHAMM
WHAT A SCREAM!
I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT OF GRIEF BECAUSE OF THAT BROAD.
THIS COULDN'T HAPPEN TO A NICER PERSON!


TAKE THAT, URD!!
IT WAS WORTH SNEAKING IN HERE LIKE A LITTLE TROLL!!
NYA HA HA HA HA!
BONGG BONGG
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO? THERE'S ONLY FOUR HOURS LEFT...
SKULD! HOW CAN YOU BE SO RELAXED AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? FREAK OUT? I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL NEVER SEE HER AGAIN, RIGHT?
AND IF WE DO SOMETHING STUPID NOW, WE COULD ALL GET OUR LICENSES REVOKED.


OKAY, I SEE... AND COME TO THINK OF IT, IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS THE END, HUH?
I MEAN, SHE CAN COME TO EARTH AGAIN LATER.
YES, SHE CAN.
BUT...
...DEPENDING ON THE WILL OF THE ALMIGHTY, THAT COULD BE A HUNDRED OR EVEN A *THOUSAND* YEARS FROM NOW.
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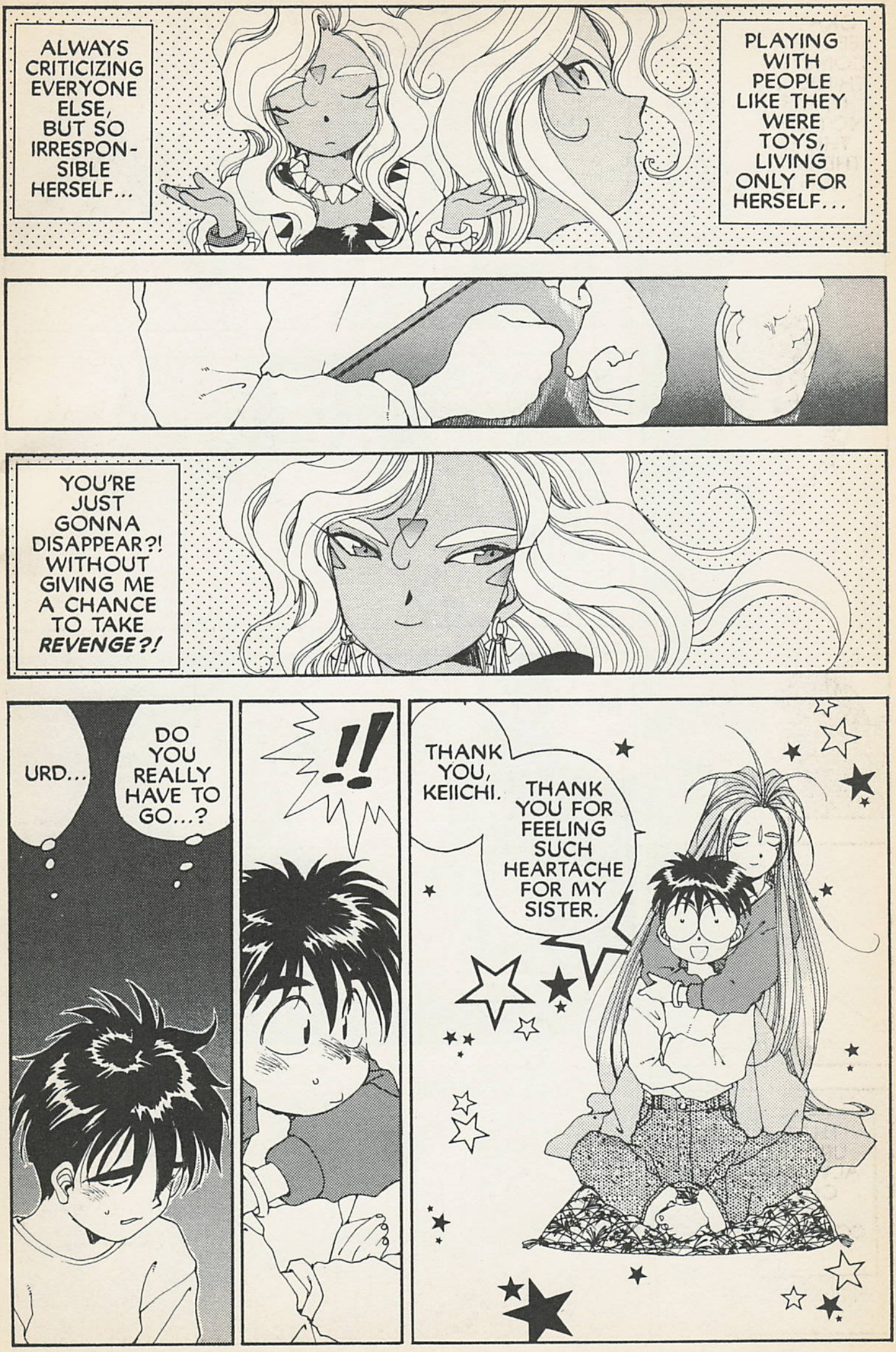
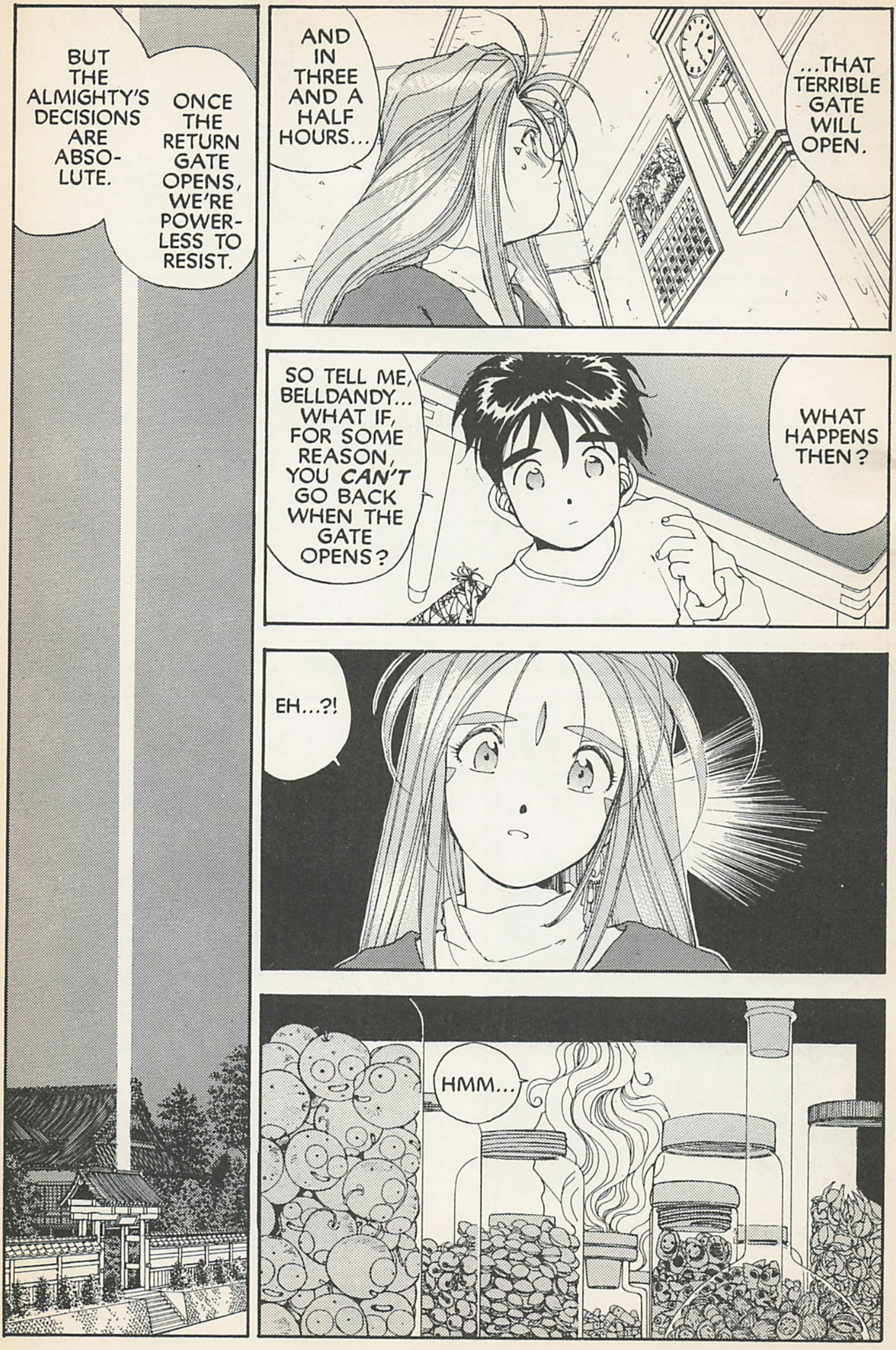
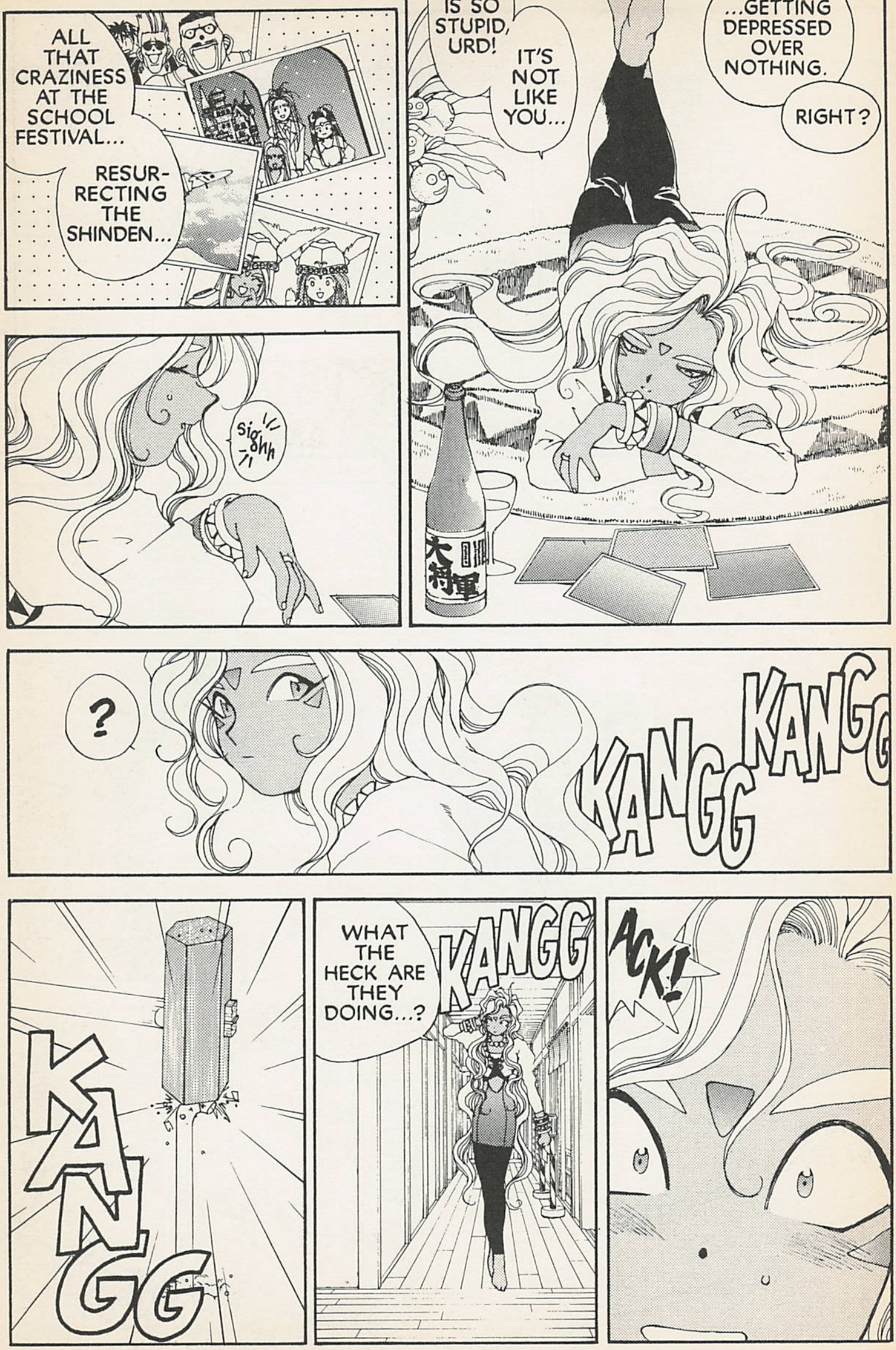
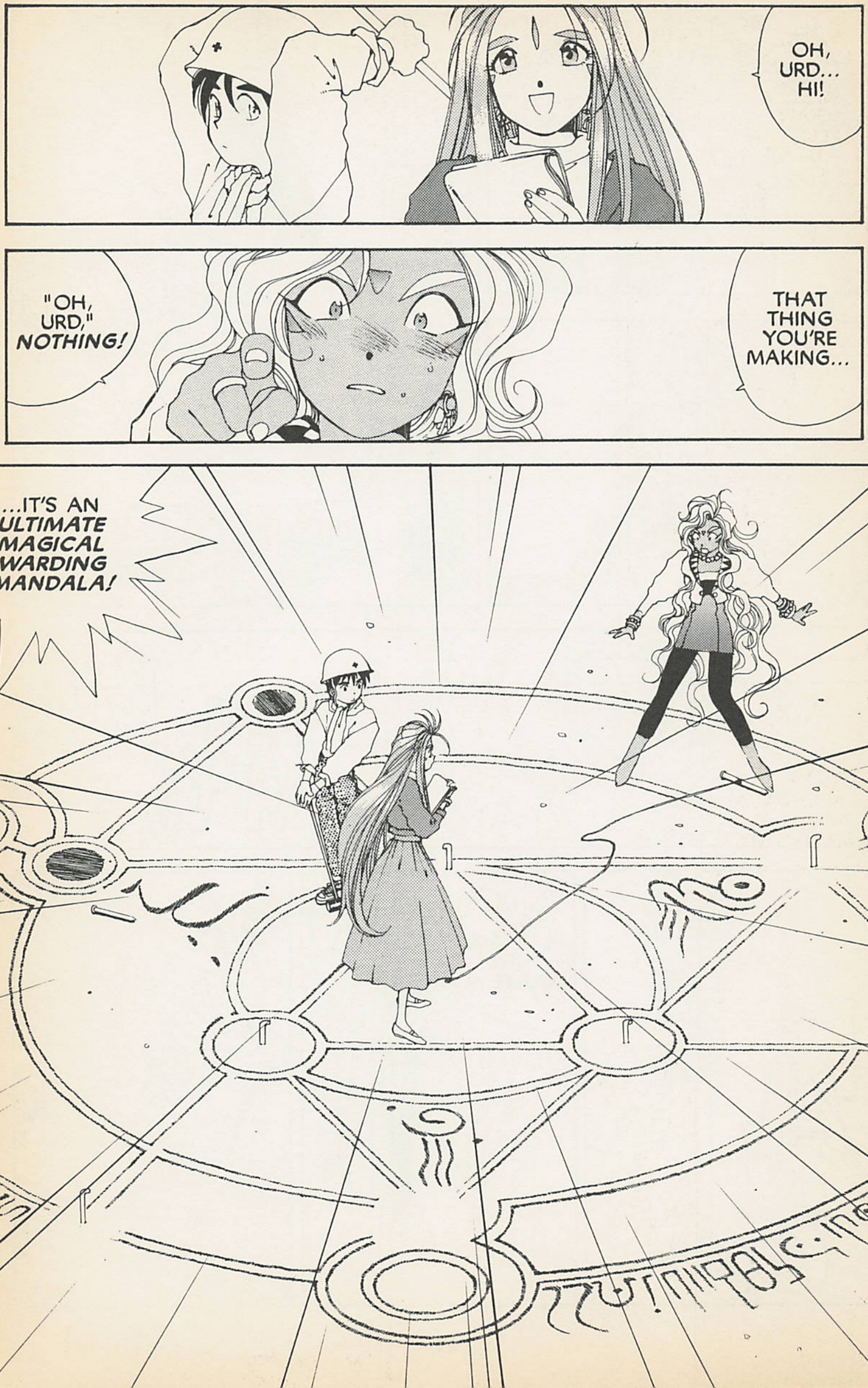
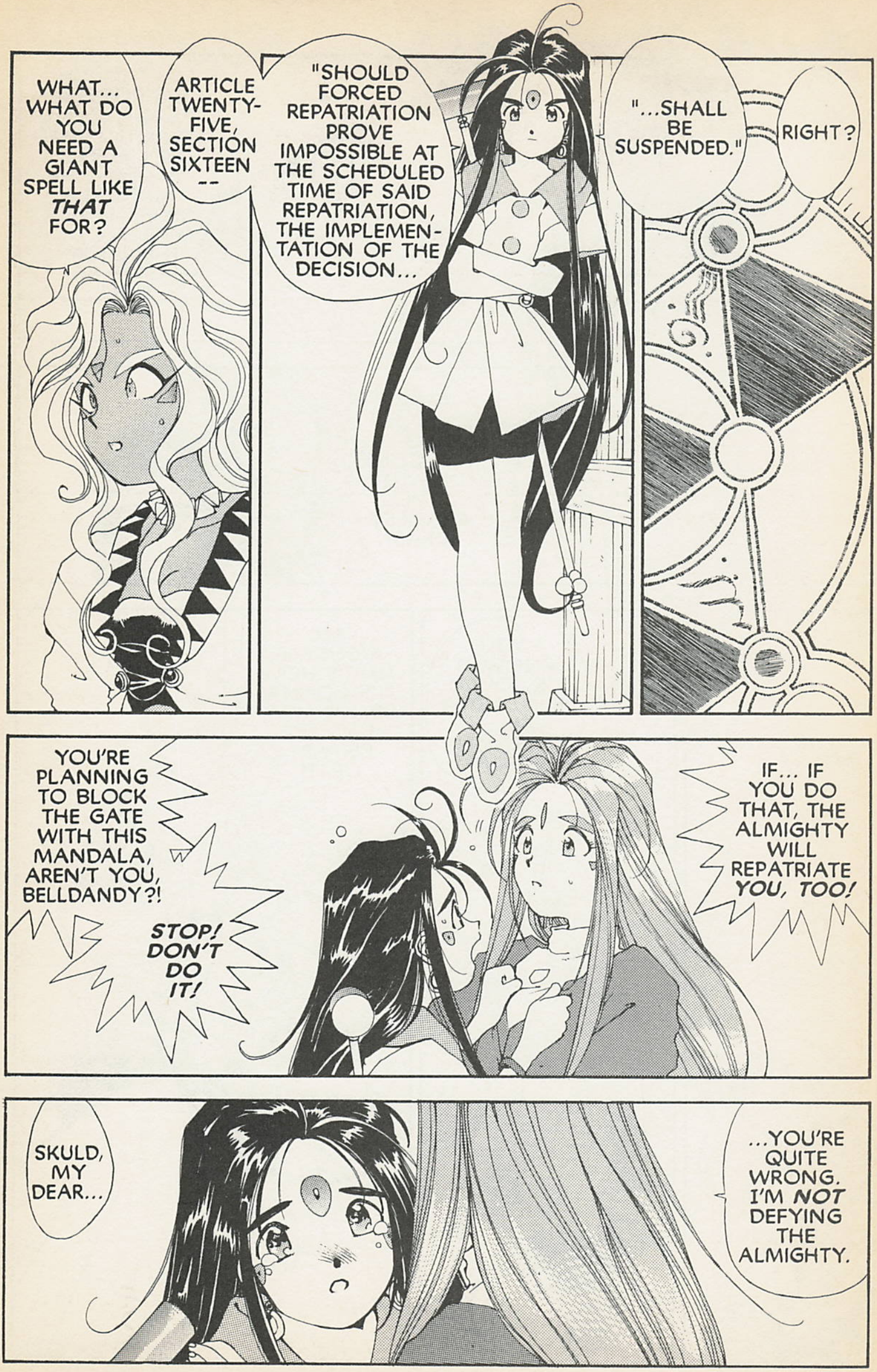
NO WAY!
YOU MEAN I'LL NEVER SEE URD'S... UH... FACE AGAIN?
THAT URD... ALWAYS OUT OF CONTROL ...
SELFISH AND SELF-CENTERED ...

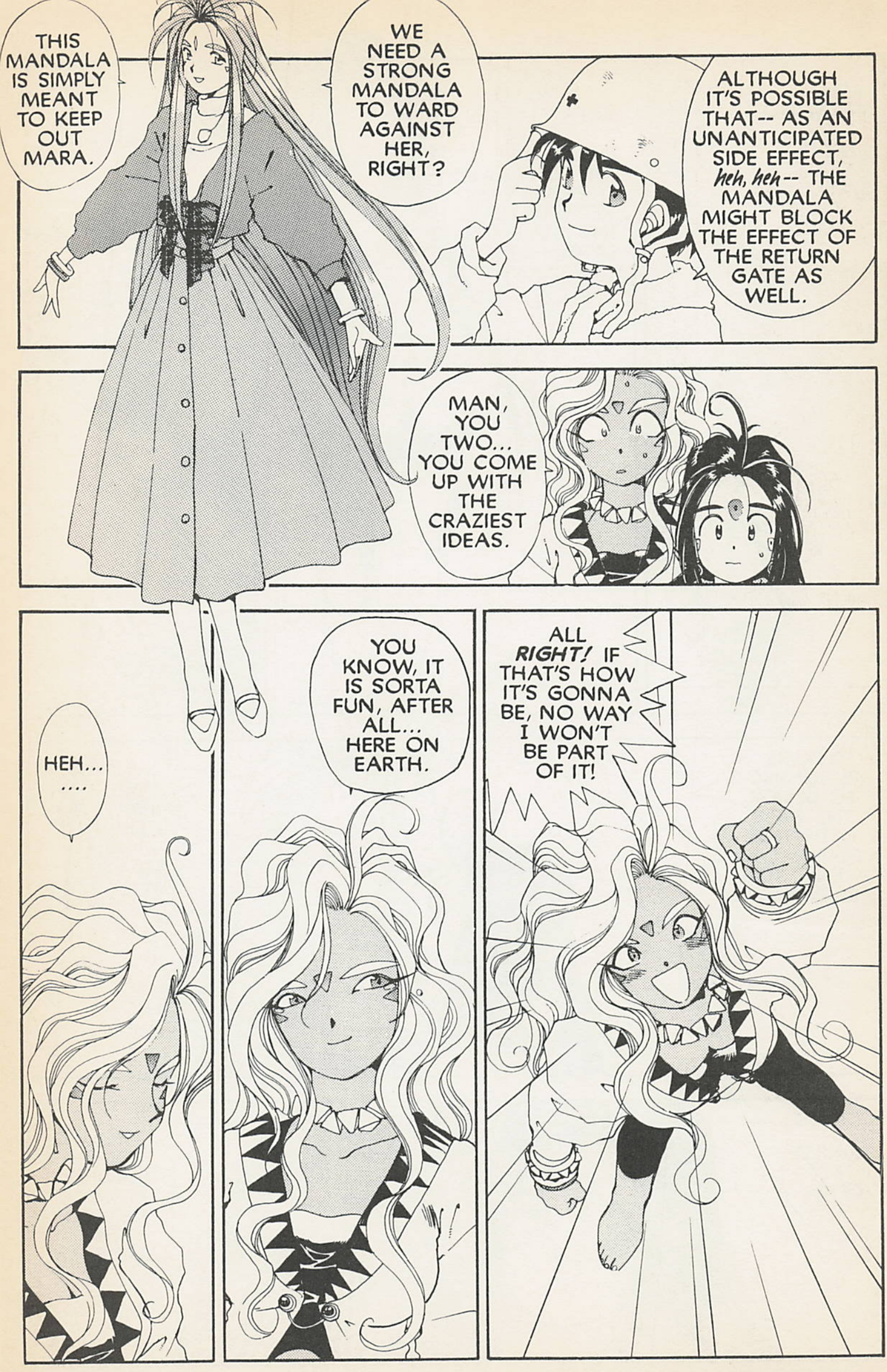

ALWAYS CRITICIZING EVERYONE ELSE, BUT SO IRRESPON-SIBLE HERSELF...
PLAYING WITH PEOPLE LIKE THEY WERE TOYS, LIVING ONLY FOR HERSELF...
YOU'RE JUST GONNA DISAPPEAR?! WITHOUT GIVING ME A CHANCE TO TAKE *REVENGE?!*
URD...
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO...?
!!
THANK YOU, KEIICHI.
THANK YOU FOR FEELING SUCH HEARTACHE FOR MY SISTER.

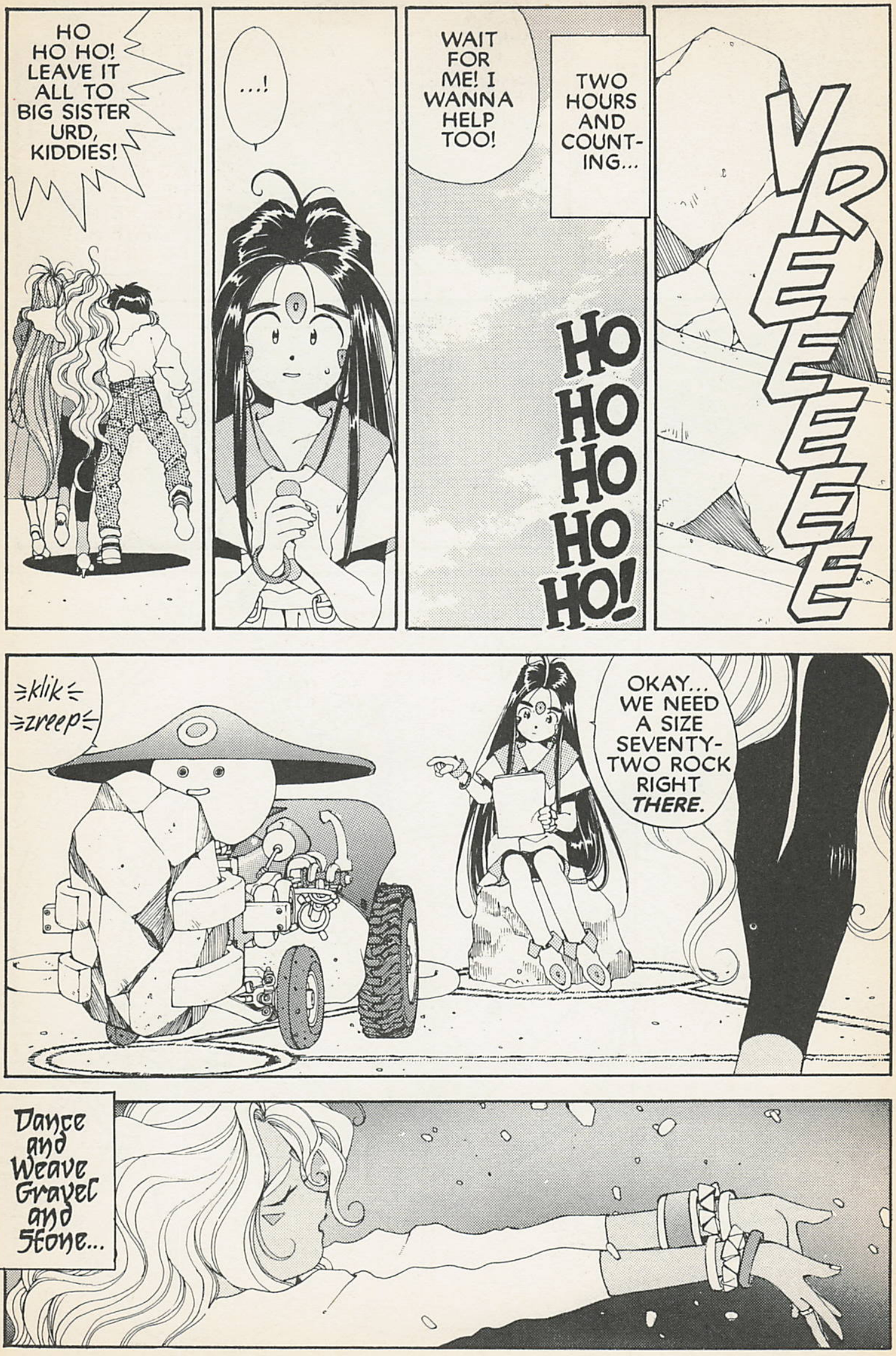

BUT THE ALMIGHTY'S DECISIONS ARE ABSO-LUTE.
ONCE THE RETURN GATE OPENS, WE'RE POWER-LESS TO RESIST.
AND IN THREE AND A HALF HOURS...
...THAT TERRIBLE GATE WILL OPEN.
SO TELL ME, BELLDANDY... WHAT IF, FOR SOME REASON, YOU *CAN'T* GO BACK WHEN THE GATE OPENS?
WHAT HAPPENS THEN?
EH...?!
HMM...

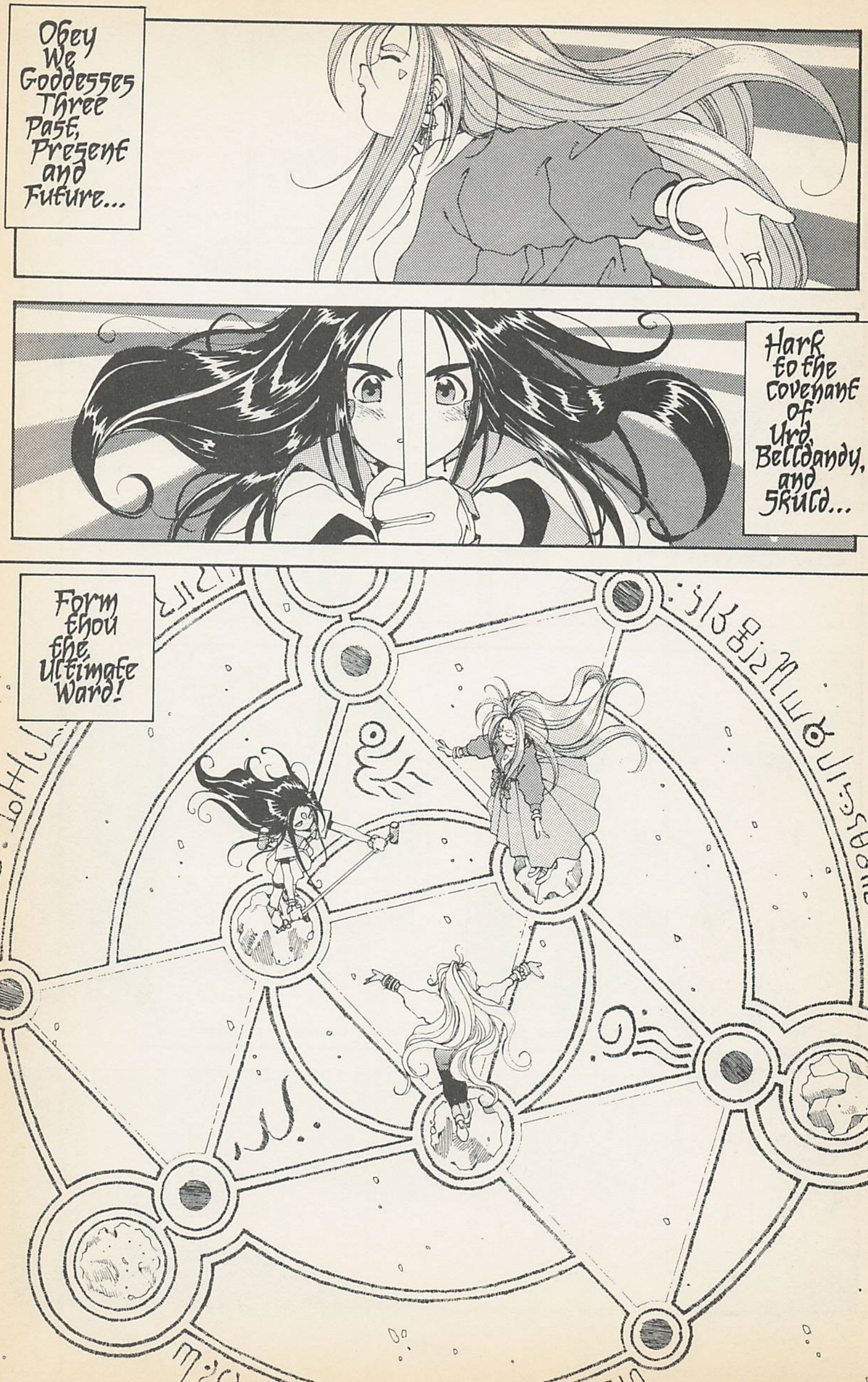

ALL THAT CRAZINESS AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL...
RESUR-RECTING THE SHINDEN...
THIS IS SO STUPID, URD!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU...
...GETTING DEPRESSED OVER NOTHING.
RIGHT?
sigh
?
KANGG
KANGG
KANGG
WHAT THE HECK ARE THEY DOING...?
KANGG
ACK!

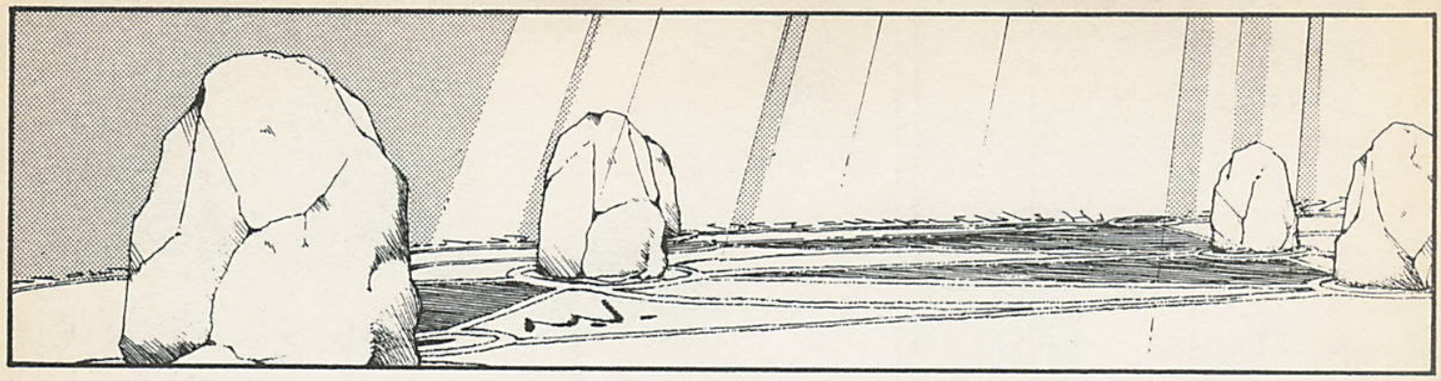

OH, URD... HI!
"OH, URD," NOTHING!
THAT THING YOU'RE MAKING...
...IT'S AN ULTIMATE MAGICAL WARDING MANDALA!

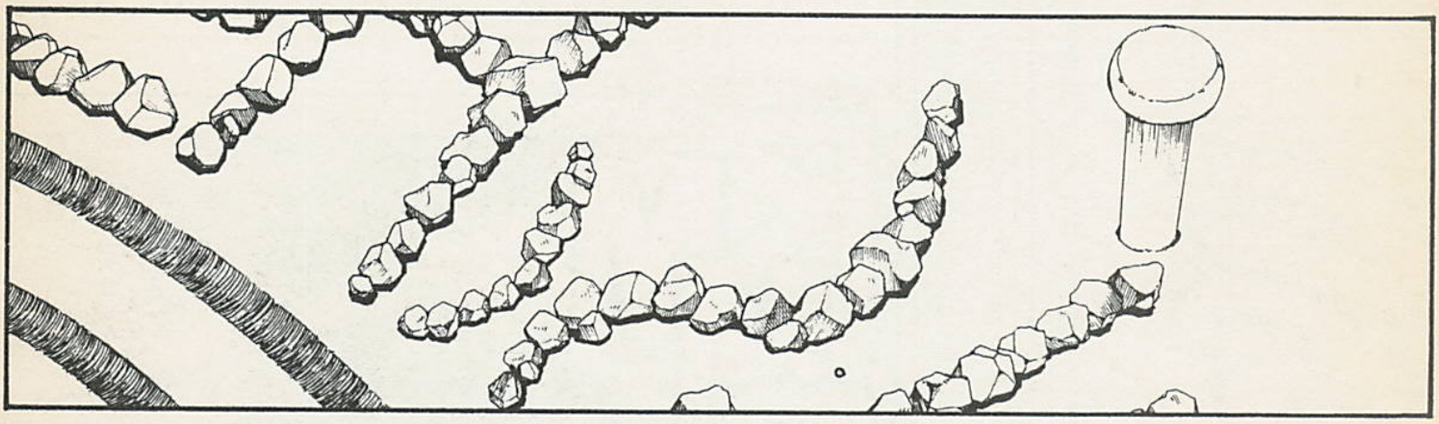

WHAT... WHAT DO YOU NEED A GIANT SPELL LIKE *THAT* FOR?
ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE, SECTION SIXTEEN --
"SHOULD FORCED REPATRIATION PROVE IMPOSSIBLE AT THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID REPATRIATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION...
"...SHALL BE SUSPENDED."
RIGHT?
YOU'RE PLANNING TO BLOCK THE GATE WITH THIS MANDALA, AREN'T YOU, BELLDANDY?!
STOP! DON'T DO IT!
IF... IF YOU DO THAT, THE ALMIGHTY WILL REPATRIATE *YOU, TOO!*
SKULD, MY DEAR...
...YOU'RE QUITE WRONG. I'M *NOT* DEFYING THE ALMIGHTY.

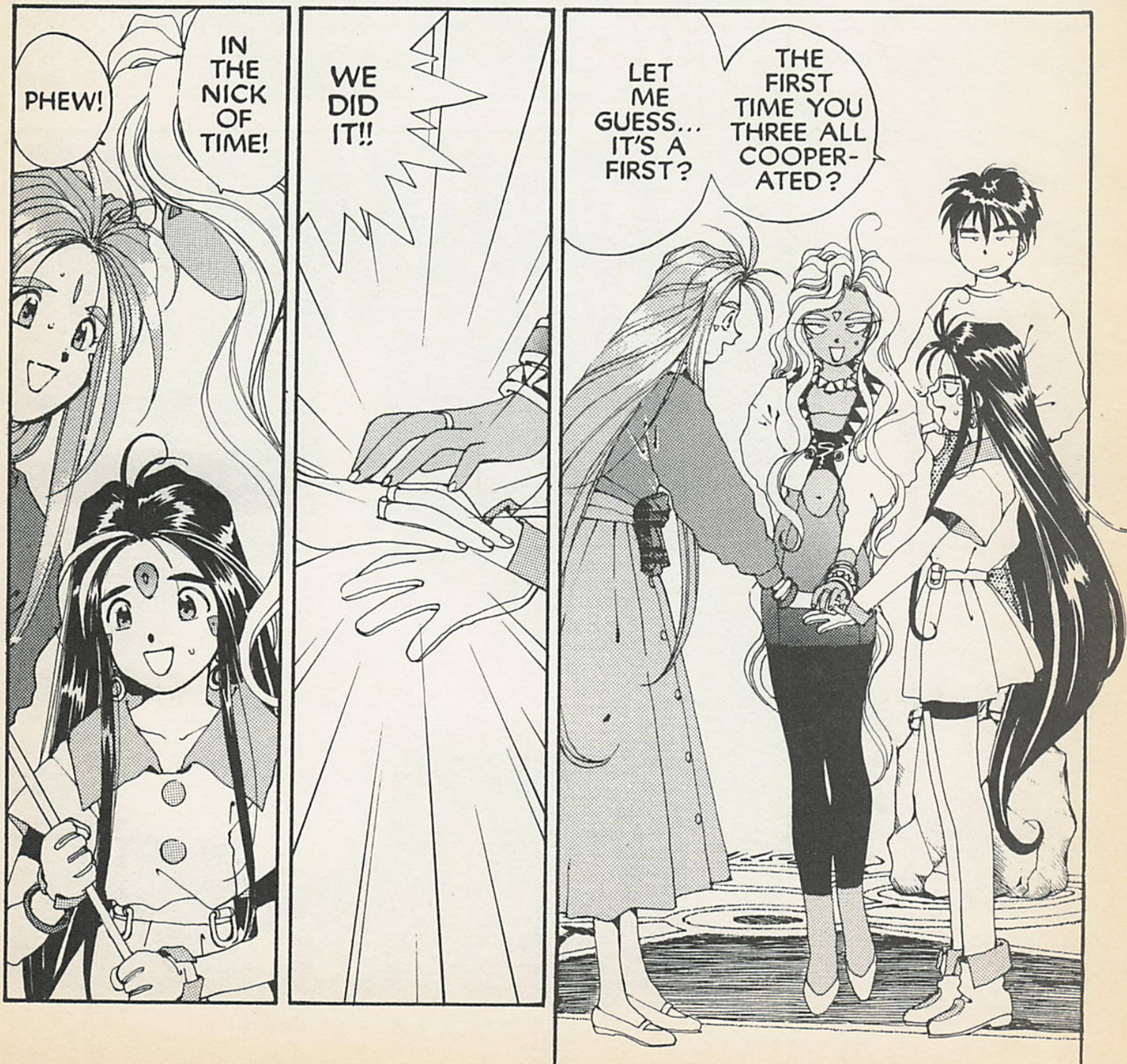

THIS MANDALA IS SIMPLY MEANT TO KEEP OUT MARA.
WE NEED A STRONG MANDALA TO WARD AGAINST HER, RIGHT?
ALTHOUGH IT'S POSSIBLE THAT-- AS AN UNANTICIPATED SIDE EFFECT, heh, heh-- THE MANDALA MIGHT BLOCK THE EFFECT OF THE RETURN GATE AS WELL.
MAN, YOU TWO... YOU COME UP WITH THE CRAZIEST IDEAS.
HEH... ....
YOU KNOW, IT IS SORTA FUN, AFTER ALL... HERE ON EARTH.
ALL RIGHT! IF THAT'S HOW IT'S GONNA BE, NO WAY I WON'T BE PART OF IT!

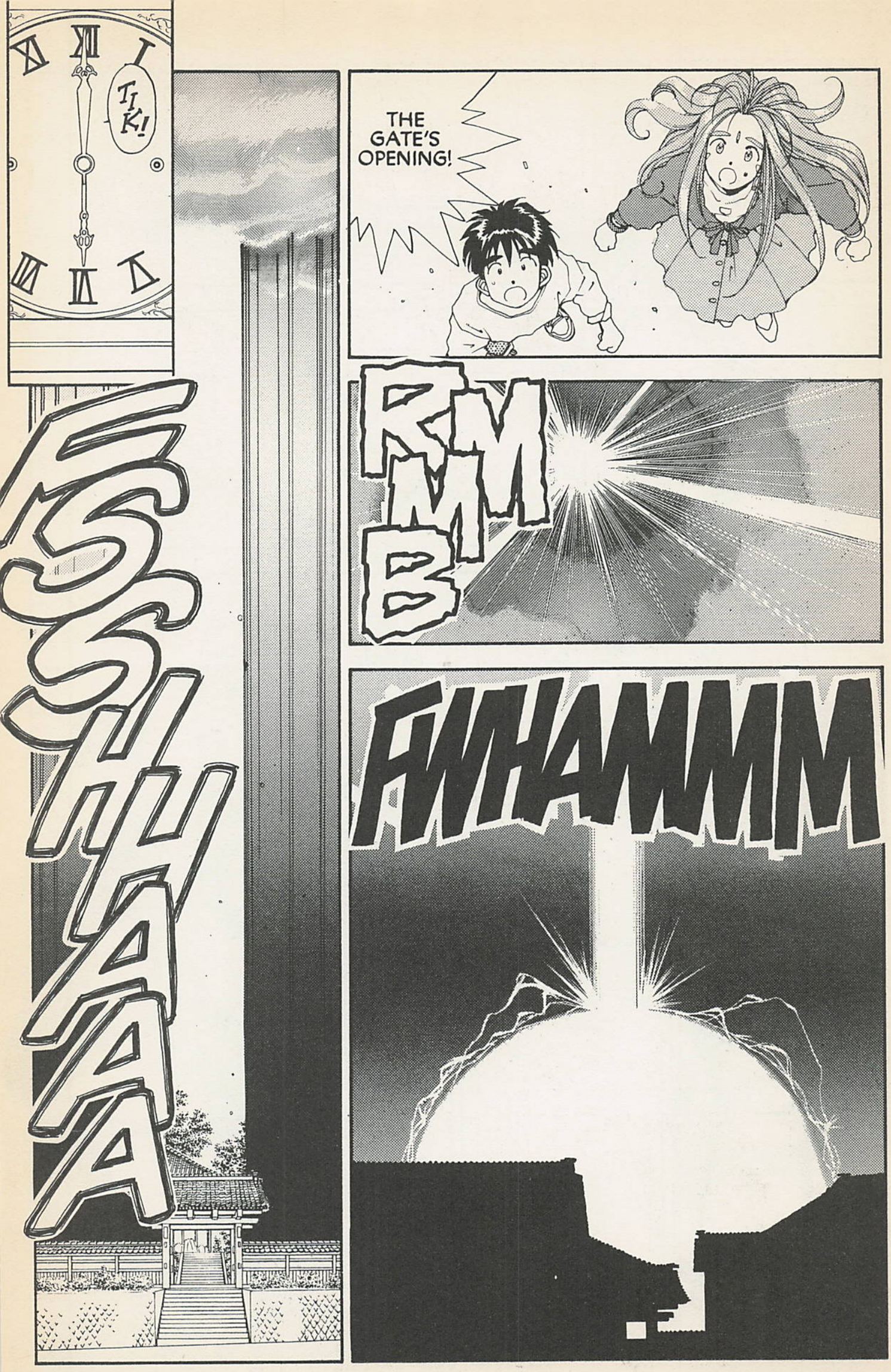

VREEEEE
TWO HOURS AND COUNTING...
WAIT FOR ME! I WANNA HELP TOO!
HO HO HO HO!
...!
HO HO HO! LEAVE IT ALL TO BIG SISTER URD, KIDDIES!
=klik=
=zreep=
OKAY... WE NEED A SIZE SEVENTY-TWO ROCK RIGHT THERE.
Dance and Weave Gravel and Stone...

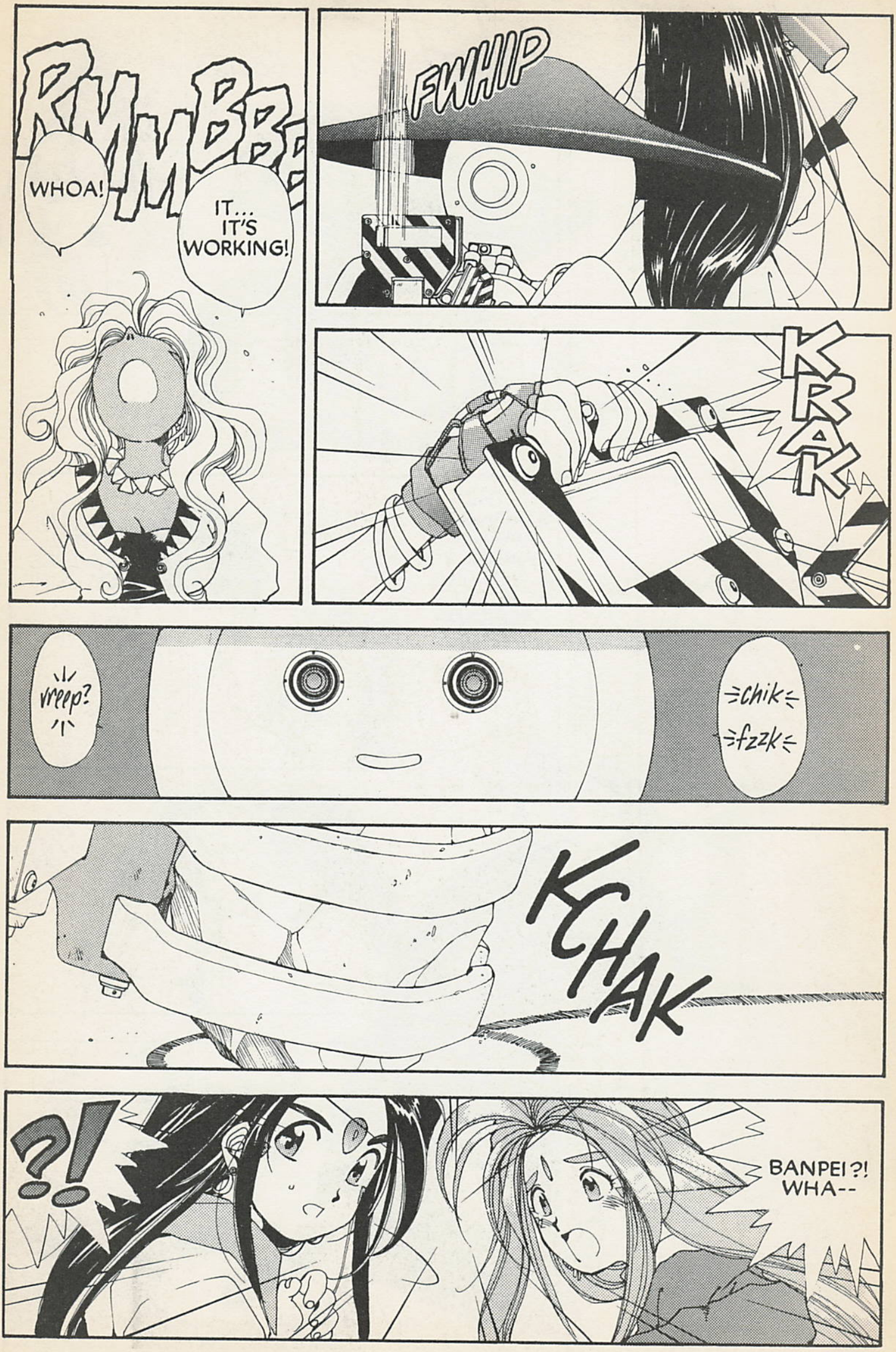

Obey We Goddesses Three Past, Present and Future...
Hark to the covenant of Urd, Belldandy, and Skuld...
Form thou the ultimate Ward!






PHEW!
IN THE NICK OF TIME!
WE DID IT!!
LET ME GUESS... IT'S A FIRST?
THE FIRST TIME YOU THREE ALL COOPER-ATED?


TIK!
SSHHAA
THE GATE'S OPENING!
RMMB
AWHAMMM


RMMBBB
WHOA!
IT... IT'S WORKING!
FWHIP
KRAK
vreep?
=chik=
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KCHAK
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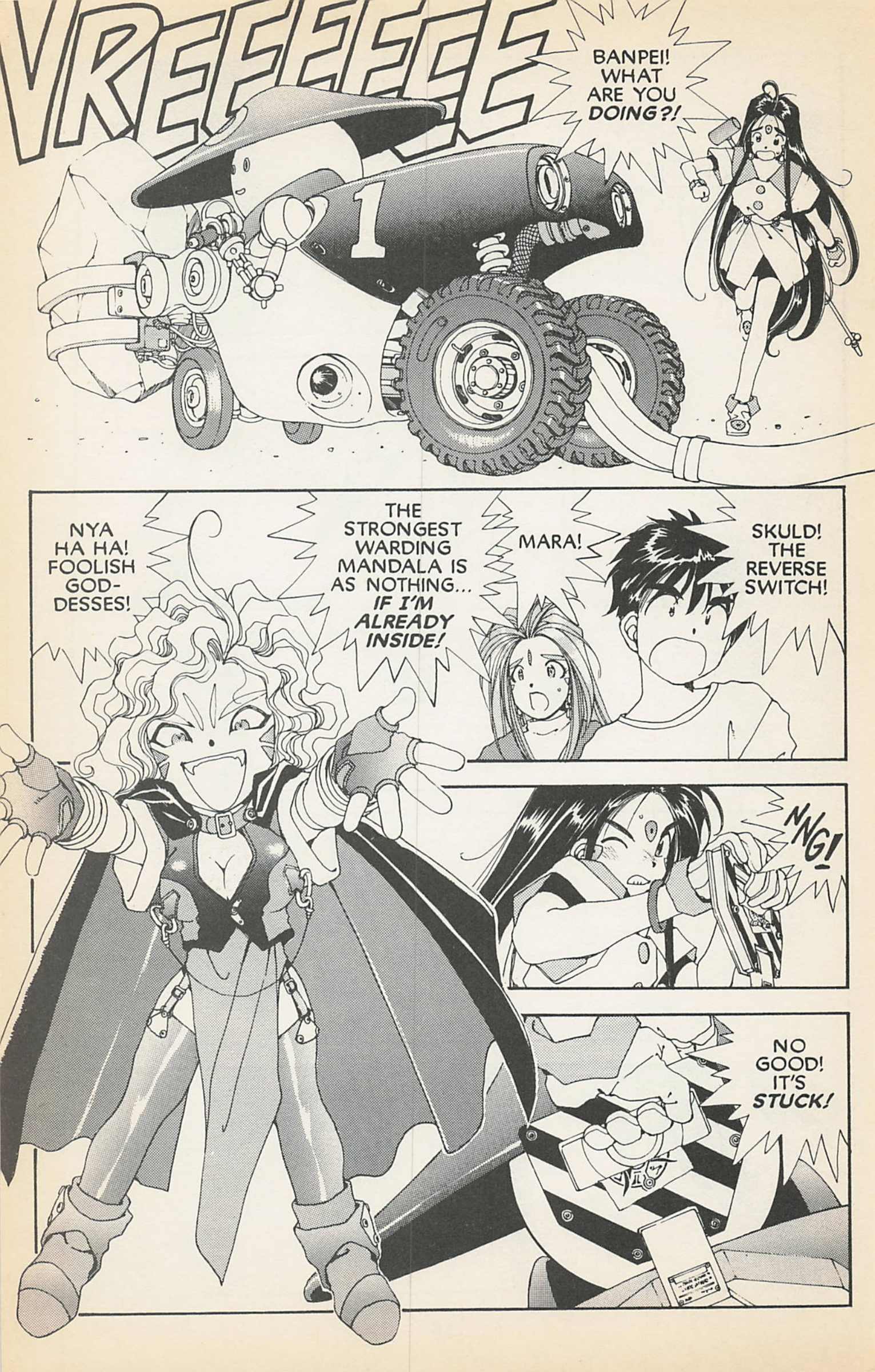
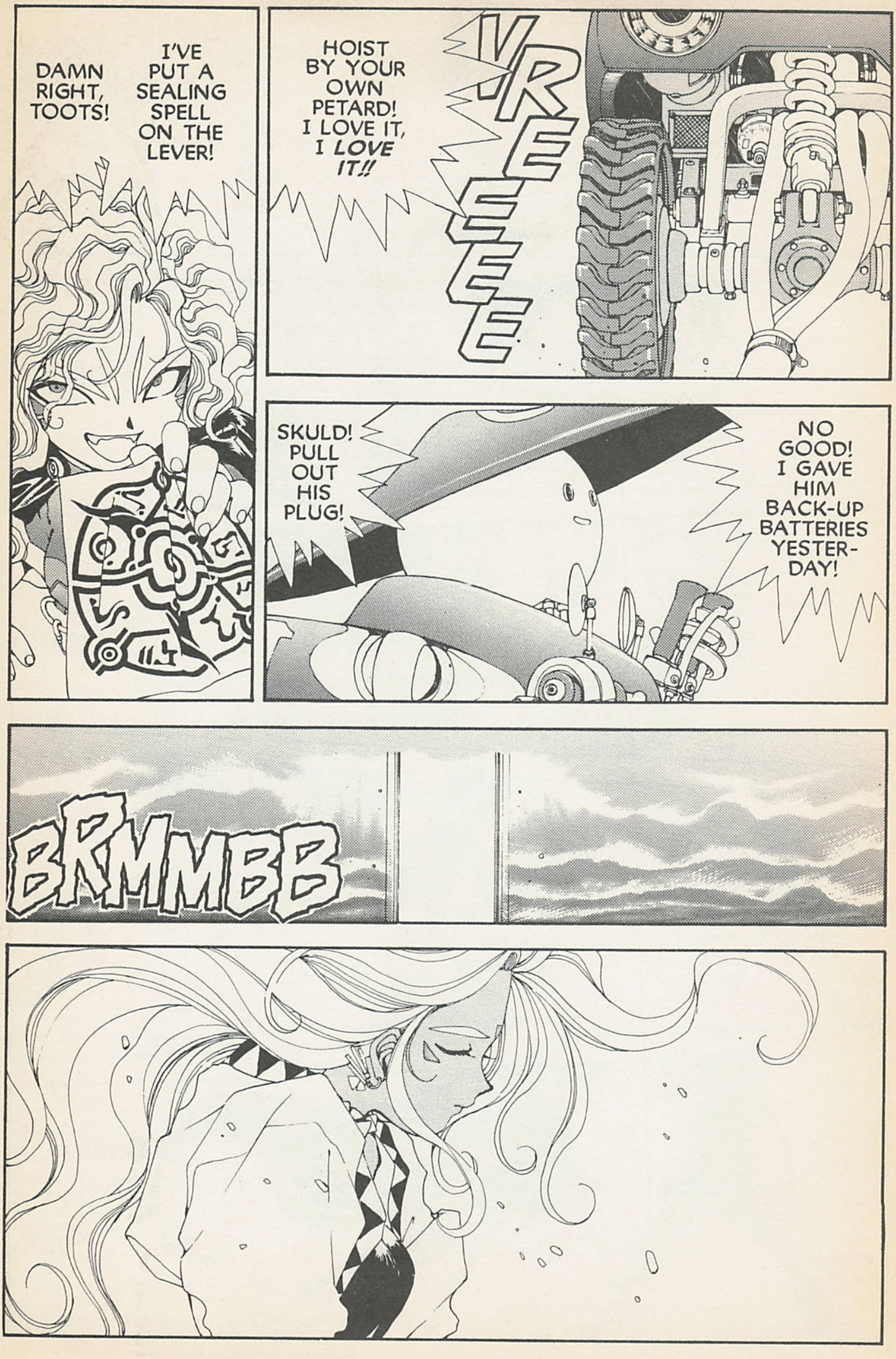
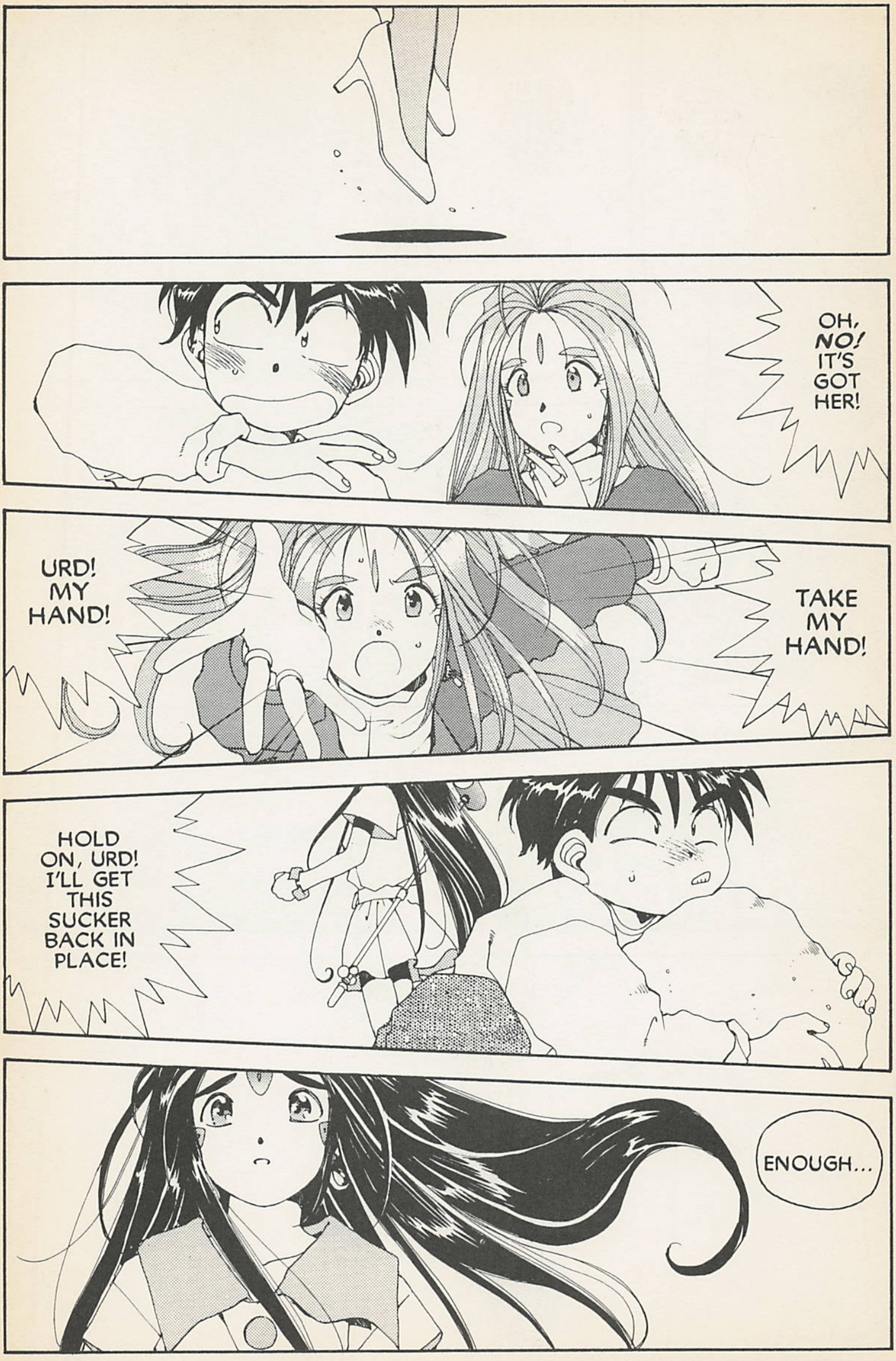
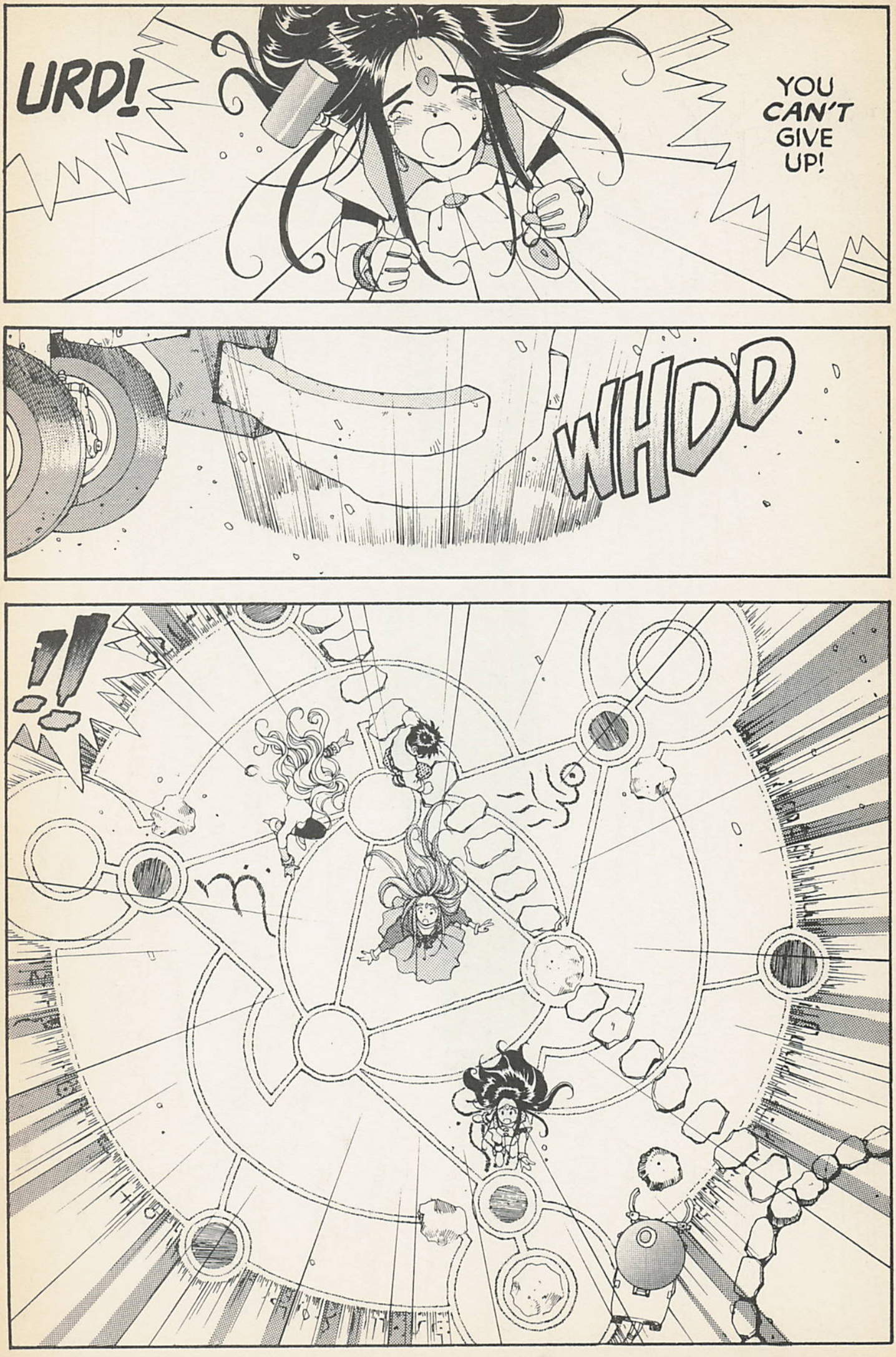
BANPEI?! WHA--


VREEEEEE
BANPEI! WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?!*
NYA HA HA! FOOLISH GOD-DESSES!
THE STRONGEST WARDING MANDALA IS AS NOTHING... *IF I'M ALREADY INSIDE!*
MARA!
SKULD! THE REVERSE SWITCH!
NNG!
NO GOOD! IT'S *STUCK!*


DAMN RIGHT, TOOTS!
I'VE PUT A SEALING SPELL ON THE LEVER!
HOIST BY YOUR OWN PETARD! I LOVE IT, I LOVE IT!!
VREEEE
SKULD! PULL OUT HIS PLUG!
NO GOOD! I GAVE HIM BACK-UP BATTERIES YESTER-DAY!
BRMMBB


OH, NO! IT'S GOT HER!
URD! MY HAND!
TAKE MY HAND!
HOLD ON, URD! I'LL GET THIS SUCKER BACK IN PLACE!
ENOUGH...

...THAT'S ENOUGH.
YOU ALL DID YOUR BEST.
THANK YOU...


URD!
YOU CAN'T GIVE UP!
WHDD
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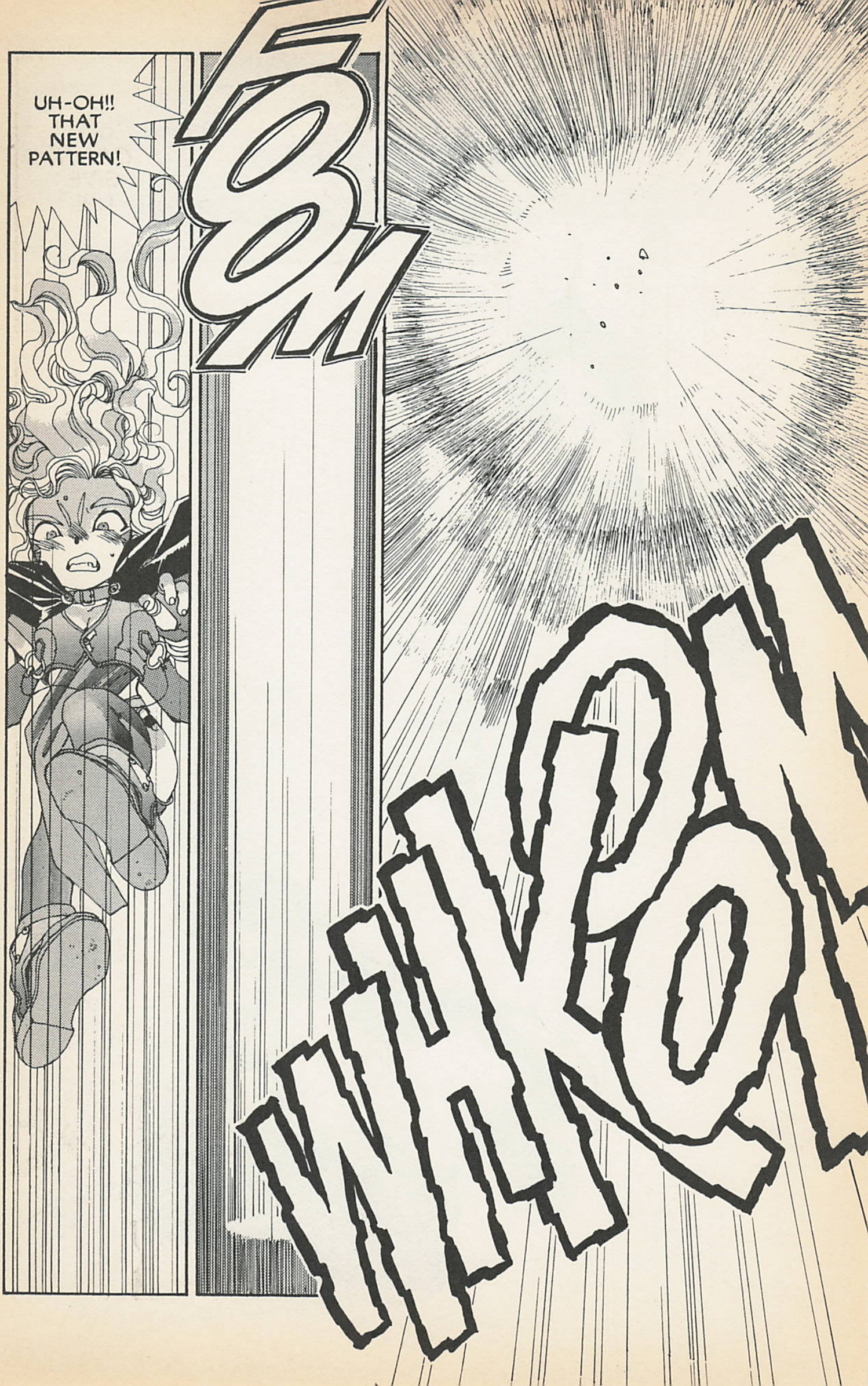
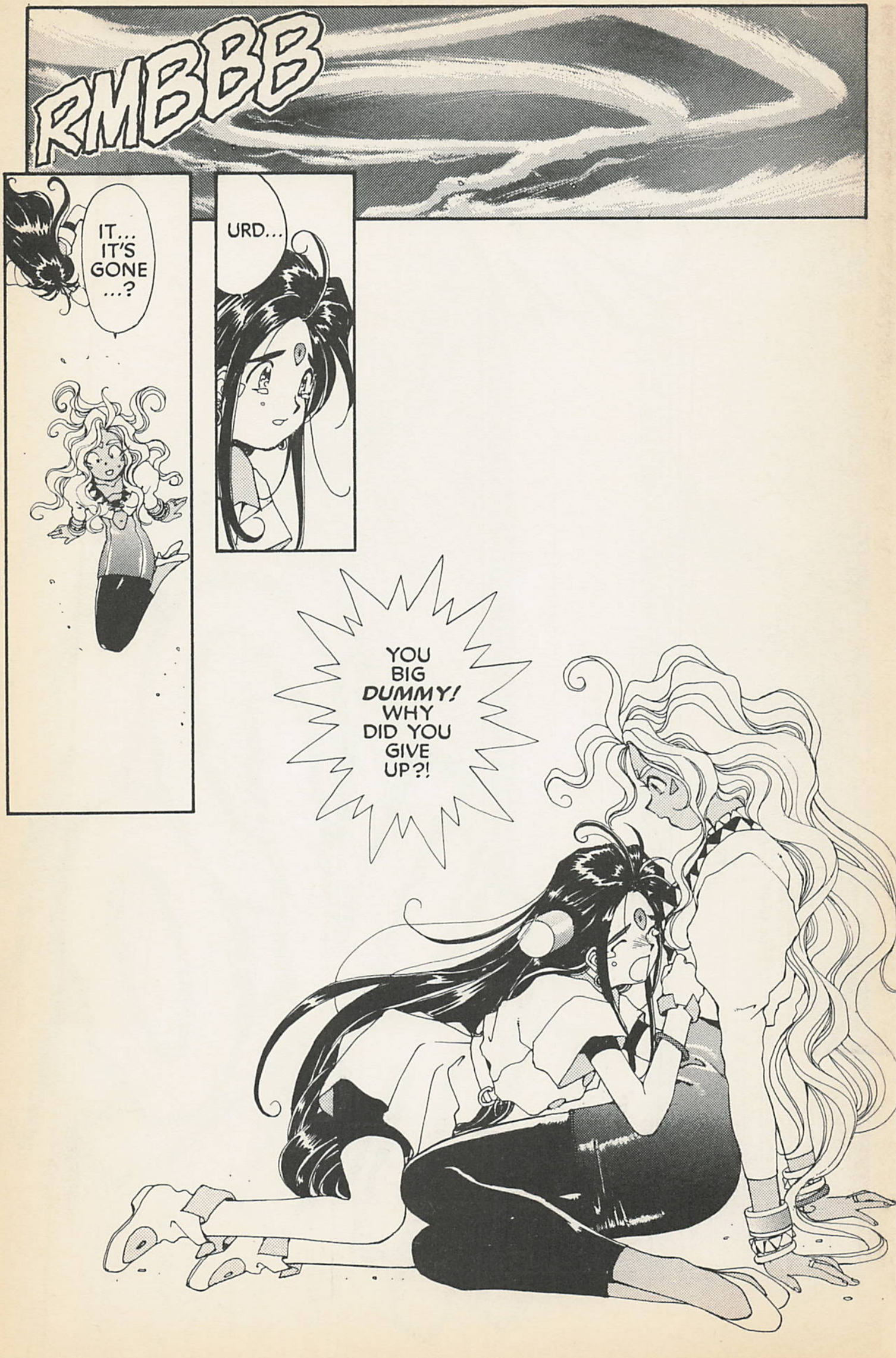

UH-OH!! THAT NEW PATTERN!
SH
WHOOM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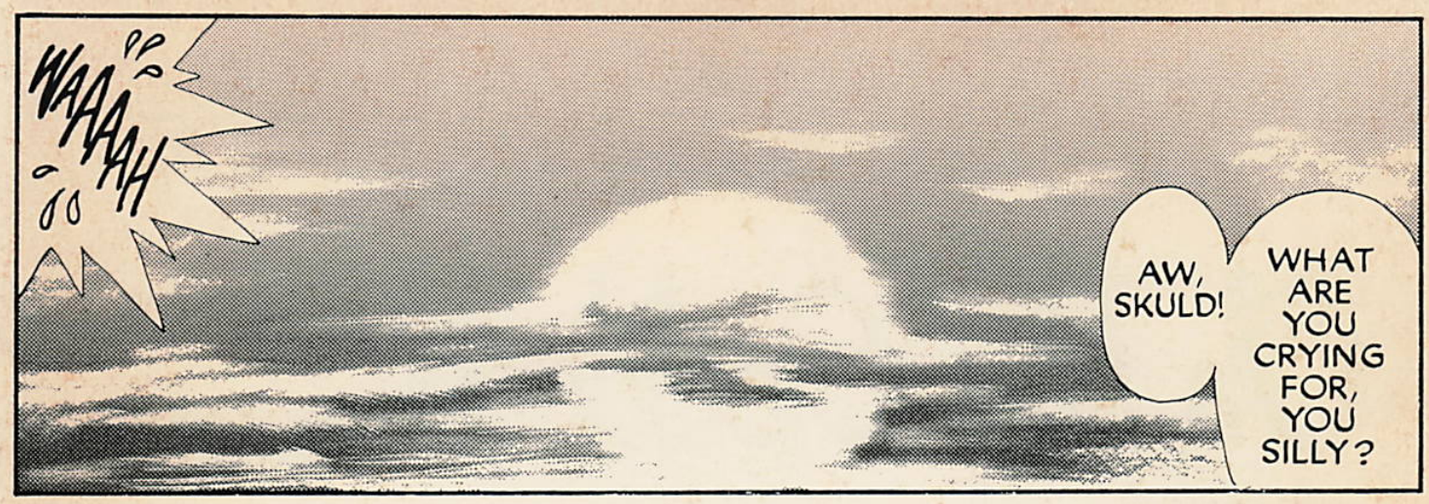
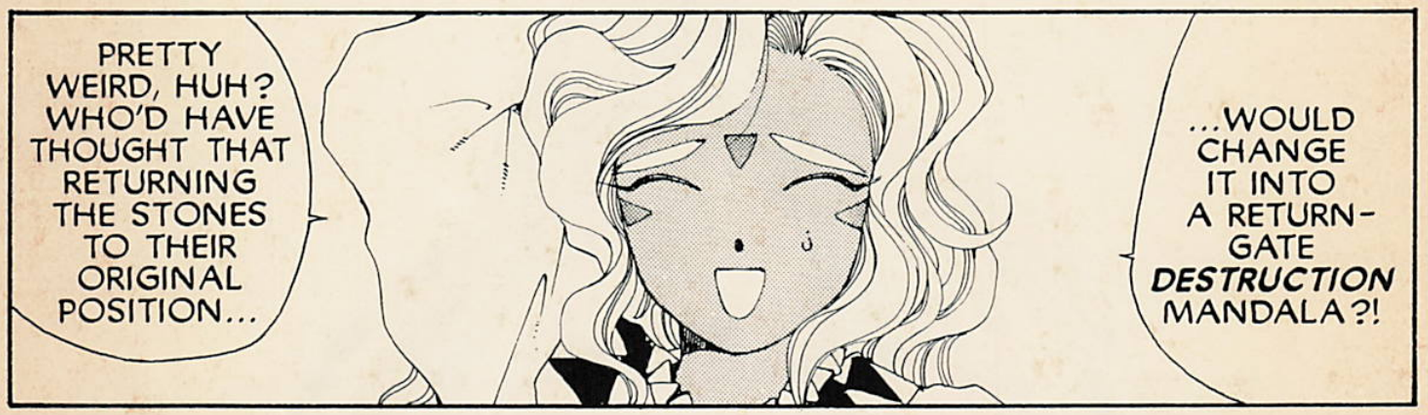
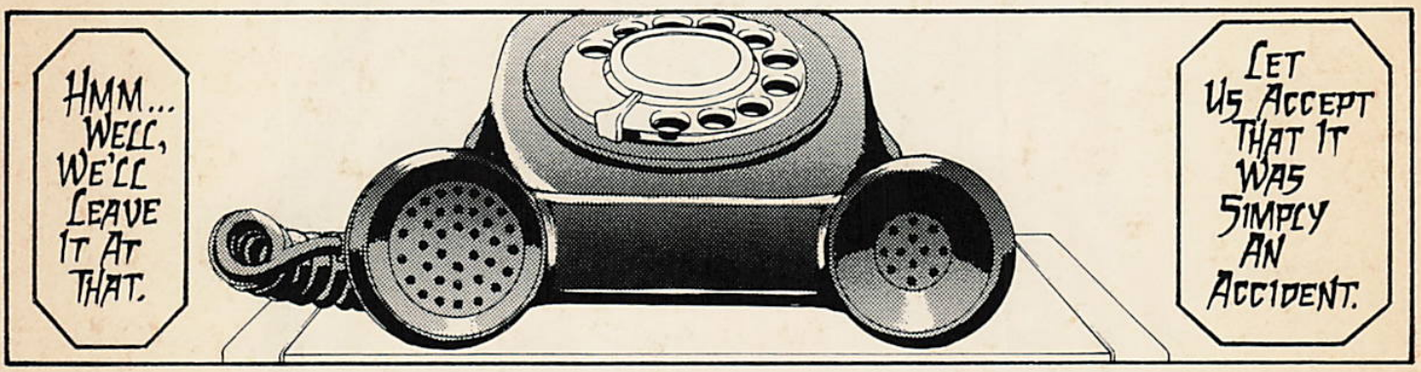
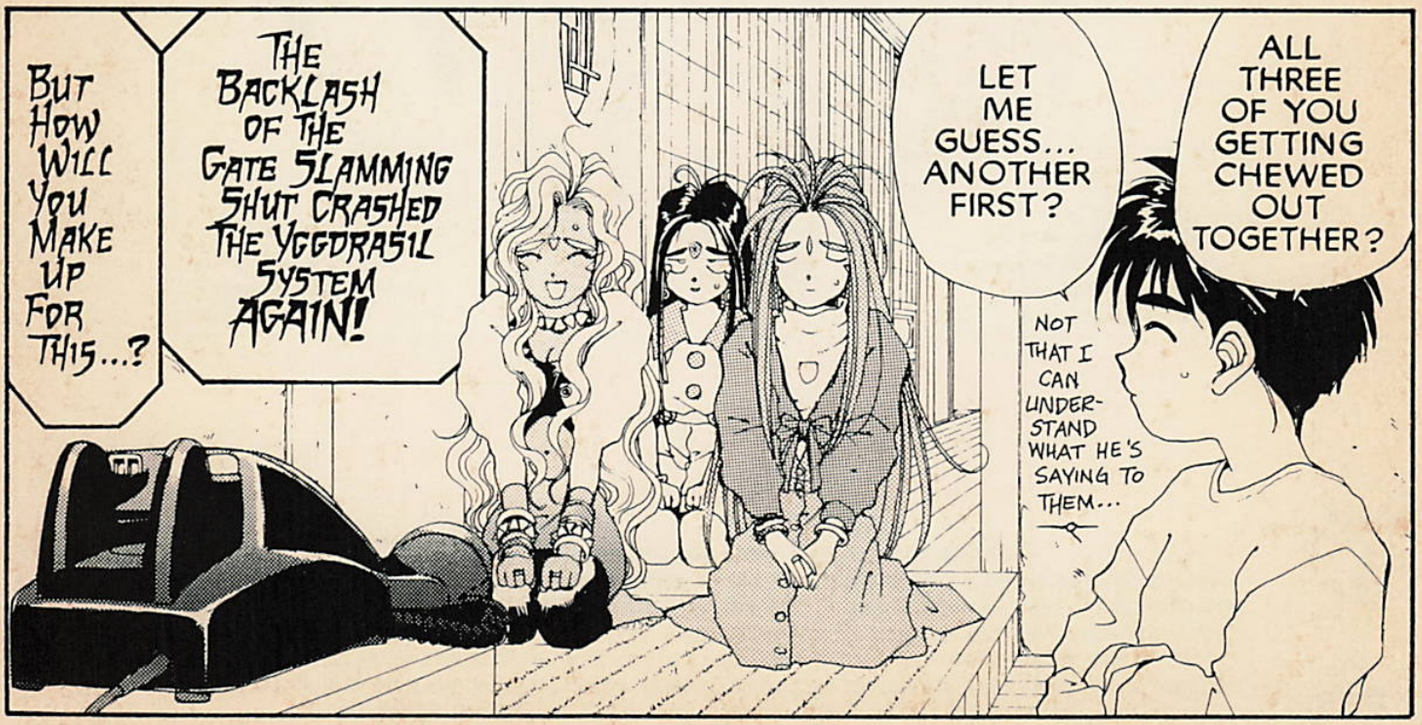
IT... IT'S GONE ...?
URD...
YOU BIG *DUMMY!* WHY DID YOU GIVE UP?!




PRETTY WEIRD, HUH? WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT RETURNING THE STONES TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION...
...WOULD CHANGE IT INTO A RETURN-GATE DESTRUCTION MANDALA?!




BUT HOW WILL YOU MAKE UP FOR THIS...?
THE BACKLASH OF THE GATE SLAMMING SHUT CRASHED THE YGGDRASIL SYSTEM AGAIN!
LET ME GUESS... ANOTHER FIRST?
ALL THREE OF YOU GETTING CHEWED OUT TOGETHER?
NOT THAT I CAN UNDER-STAND WHAT HE'S SAYING TO THEM...

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